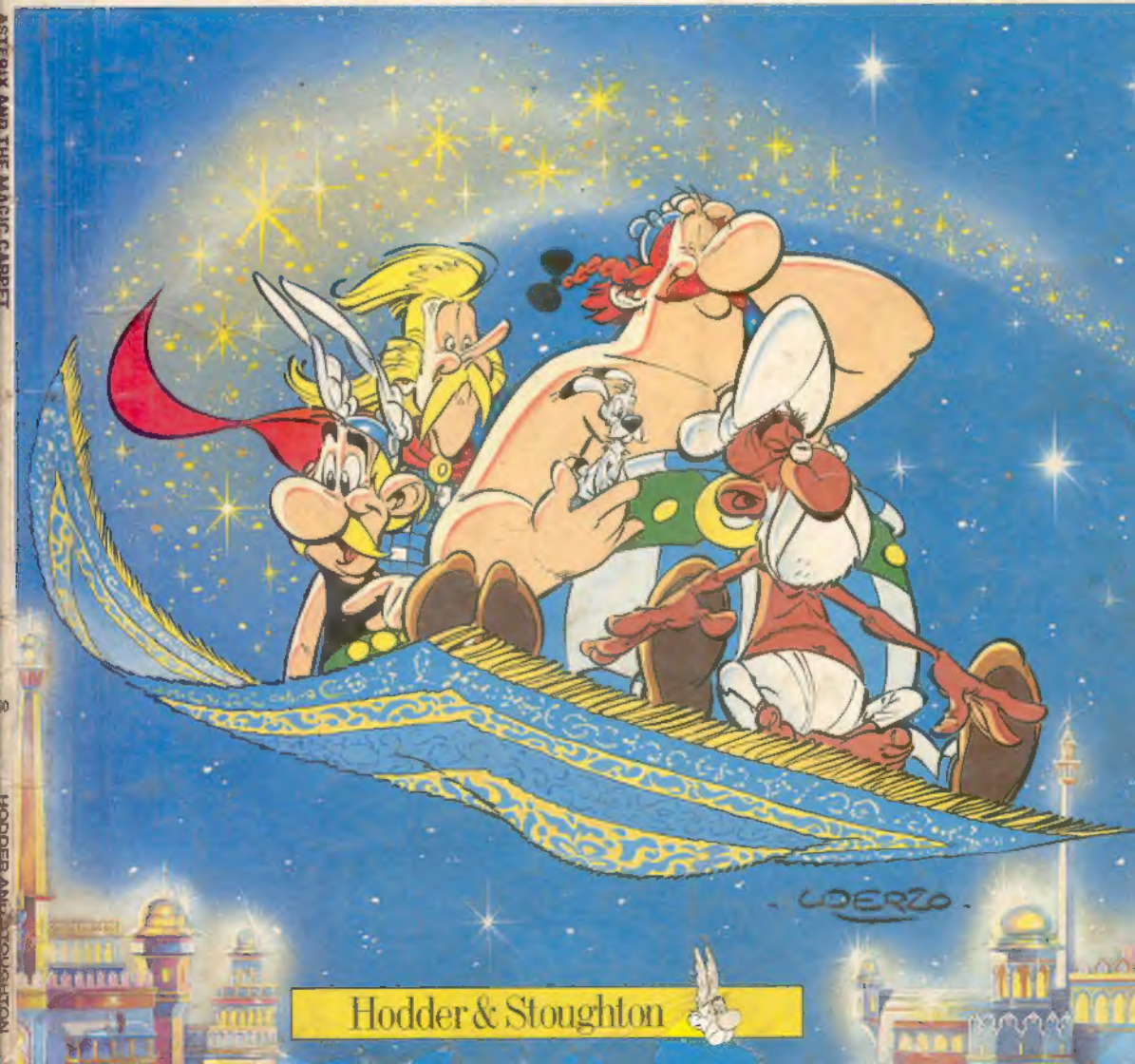


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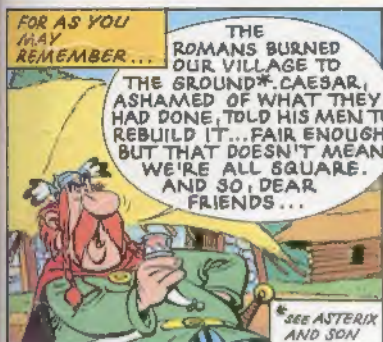
Asterix and the Magic Carpet

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OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING, OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY... AND THE GAULS HAVE GOT A WONDERFUL FEELING EVERYTHING'S GOING THEIR WAY IN THEIR BRAND-NEW VILLAGE...



**SILENCE WHILE
I PROPOSE A
HEALTH.' AND HE
THAT WOULD THIS
HEALTH DENY...**

**♪ DOWN AMONG
THE LEGIONARIES
LET HIM LIE... ♪**

**WITH
♪ A HEY DOWN ♪
DERRY DOWN
♪ DOWN! ♪**

**AND DOWN'S
THE WORD! YOU
JUST PIPE DOWN...
OR YOU COME
DOWN!**

**OH, SO
I CAN'T EVEN
TRY THE ACOUSTICS
OF MY NEW HUT?**

**THIS
WOULD TRY THE PATIENCE
OF TOUTATIS
HIMSELF!
RIGHT! I SAID,
YOU COME
DOWN!**

**CHOP!
CHOP!**

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**WHO ARE
YOU? WHERE
DO YOU COME
FROM?**

**I'M WATZIZNEHM
THE FAKIR. I WAS
FLYING OVER WHEN
I HEARD INHUMAN
NOISES, BECAME
UNBALANCED AND
HAD TO CRASH
YOUR PARTY.**

**YOU WERE
FLYING
OVER OUR
VILLAGE?**

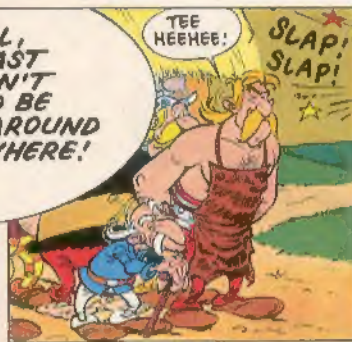
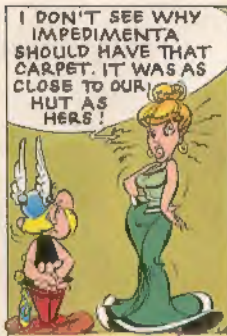
**THESE
FAKIRS ARE
CRAZY!**

**WELL, YES!
HE FELL ON
HIS HEAD!**

**AND NOT FOR THE
FIRST TIME, JUDGING
BY THAT BANDAGE
ON IT!**

**OH, PIGGYWIGGY
LOOK WHAT I'VE
JUST FOUND OUT
SIDE OUR DOOR**





WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR OUR VILLAGE IN PARTICULAR?

I COME FROM A DISTANT EASTERN COUNTRY, WHERE AN EX-LEGIONARY WHO IS NOW A MERCHANT TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR FAMOUS DEEPS. SO I'VE COME ALL THIS WAY TO ASK YOU FOR HELP. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT!

BUT BEFORE I TELL YOU ANY MORE, I'LL JUST RETRIEVE MY CARPET, IF I MAY.

LADIES, THAT CARPET IS MINE, AND I CAN PROVE IT.

PAF!

SAP!

PAF!

PIF!

THIS CARPET IS MINE, AND I'M NOT BUDGING!

IF YOU SAY SO!

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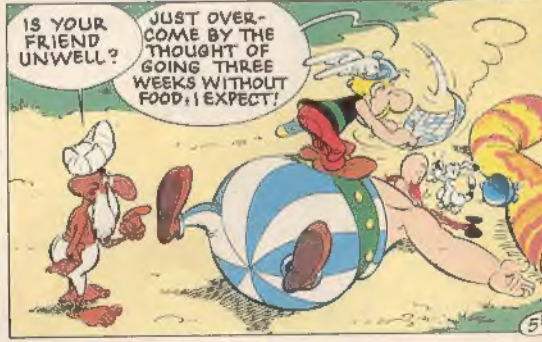
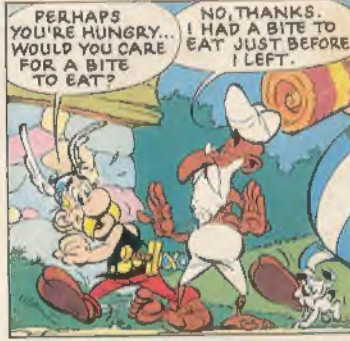
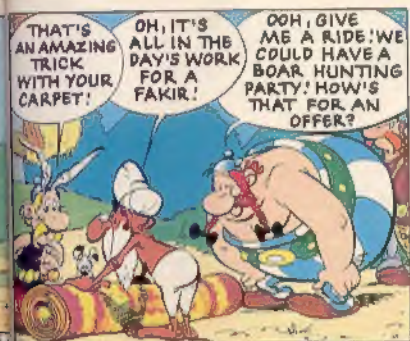
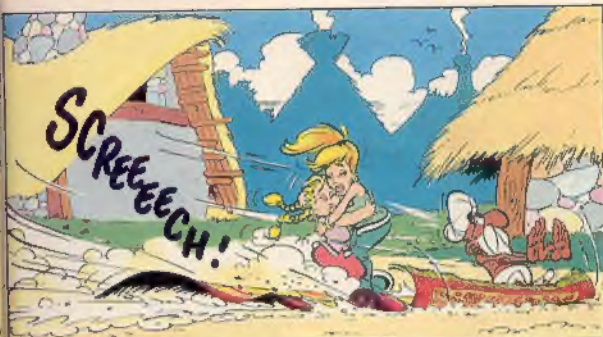
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MUMMYYYY!!!

HOW DID HE DO THAT, GETAFIX?

I'VE HEARD TELL OF THE STRANGE POWERS OF THESE BEFORE. THEY CAN CONCENTRATE HARD ENOUGH TO LEVITATE WHATEVER THEY LIKE.



I COME FROM A KINGDOM WHICH LIES IN THE VALLEY OF THE GANGES. OUR CLIMATE IS HOT AND DRY, EXCEPT FOR A FEW MONTHS EVERY YEAR WHEN THE RAINS FALL, WATERING OUR CROPS. THAT IS THE MONSOON SEASON.

I HOPE HE HASN'T COME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER!

BUT WE MUST HAVE OFFENDED THE GOD INPRA*, BECAUSE THE MONSOON SEASON WILL SOON BE OVER, AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A DROP OF RAIN YET. THE DRY SEASON WILL BE BACK, BRINGING WITH IT FAMINE AND HARD-SHIP FOR OUR PEOPLE.

*GOD OF THE WATER

OUR GOOD KING, RAJAH WATZIT, HAS A DAUGHTER, THE SWEET AND LOVELY PRINCESS ORINJADE...

AND THE GURU* WHO SPEAKS WITH THE GODS, HOODUNNIT, DECREED THAT IF NO RAIN FELL BEFORE THE END OF THE MONSOON, IN A THOUSAND AND ONE HOURS' TIME, PRINCESS ORINJADE MUST BE SACRIFICED TO APPEASE THE WRATH OF THE GODS!

*LEADER OF A RELIGIOUS SECT

TEE HEE HEE!

BUT IF EVEN YOUR RAJAH DOESN'T HOLD THE RAINS OF POWER, I DON'T QUITE SEE HOW WE CAN HELP YOU!

I THINK I DO, THOUGH. I FANCY OUR VISITOR WANTS TO BORROW THE BARD. HIS SINGING WILL BRING RAIN EVEN IN AN INDIAN SUMMER.

OH, YES... I WAS FORGETTING CACOFONIX HAS A NEW STRING TO HIS LYRE THESE DAYS!

ALL RIGHT, FAKIR! WE'LL LEND YOU OUR BARD, AND ASTERIX AND OBELIX WILL GO WITH YOU TOO.

HOW DARE YOU SAY I MAKE IT RAIN? IT'S NOT TRUE! LISTEN TO THIS!

THE RAIN IN GAUL...

...FALLS MAINLY DOWN THE WALL...

HEY! IT'S RAINING DOWN THE INSIDE OF THE WALL!

EVERYBODY OUT! I SAID, EVERYBODY OUT!

**BANG!
PAF!
BING!**

CACOFONIX,
YOU'VE GOT
WATER ON THE
BRAIN...

BUT,
'PEDIMENTA'
... OUCH!

IT'S NOT EVERY GAULISH
HUT THAT HAS RUNNING
WATER LAID ON!

AND LATER...

I PROMISE
TO BRING YOUR
BARD BACK VERY
SOON!

OH,
THERE'S NO
HURRY.

YOUR
SINGING WILL
TAKE THEM
BY STORM,
CACOFONIX!

YOU
THINK
SO?

IT'LL BE
A SMASH
HIT, AS
USUAL!

HERE, ASTERIX,
TAKE THIS GOURD
OF MAGIC POTION.
IT MAY COME IN
USEFUL.

THANKS,
GETAFIX. ANY
IDEA WHERE
OBELIX IS?

**MAKE WAY
THERE!**

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WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING WITH
THOSE?

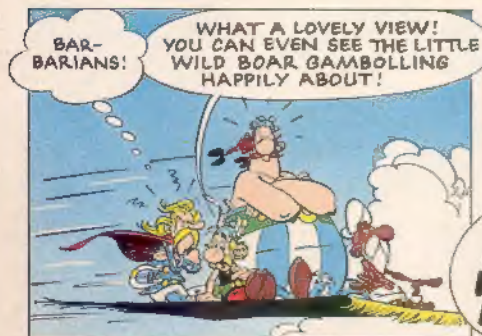
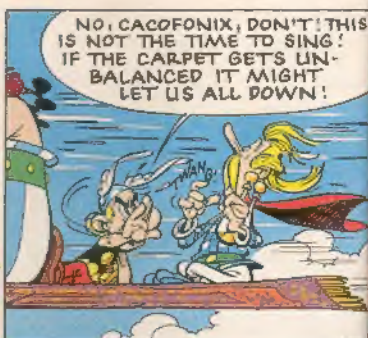
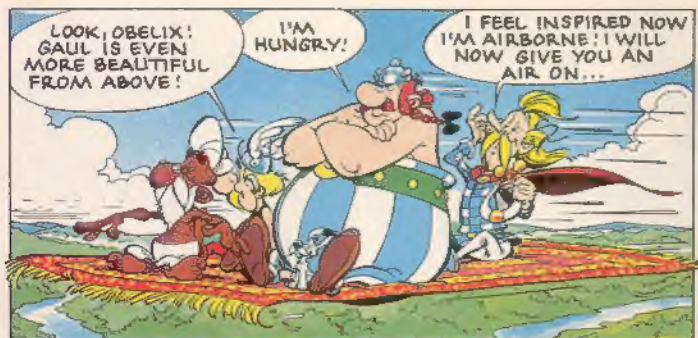
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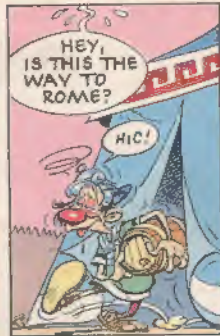
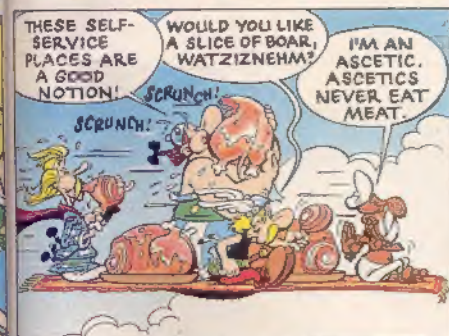
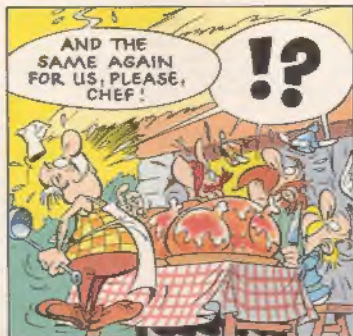
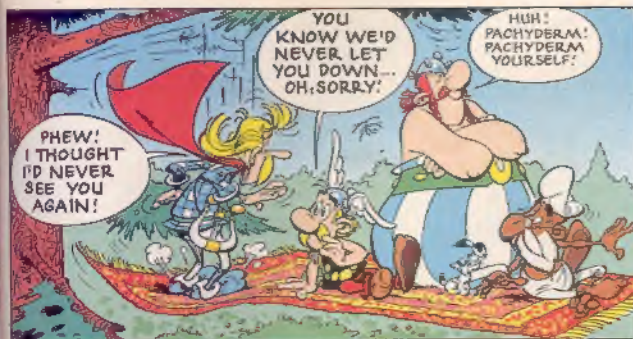
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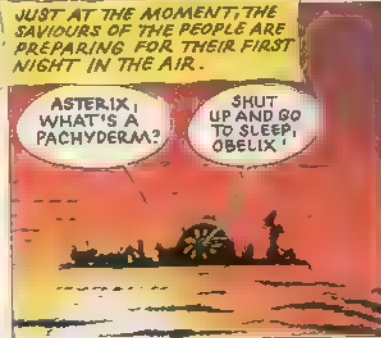
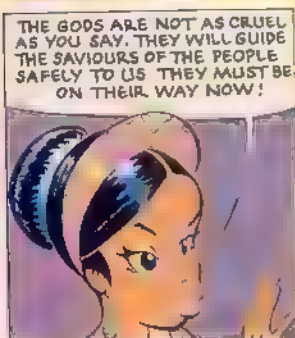
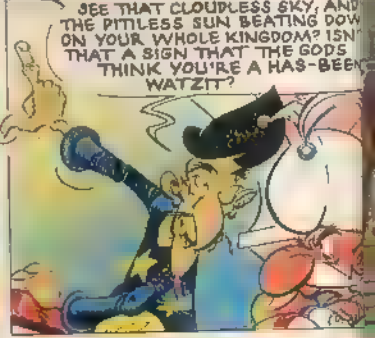
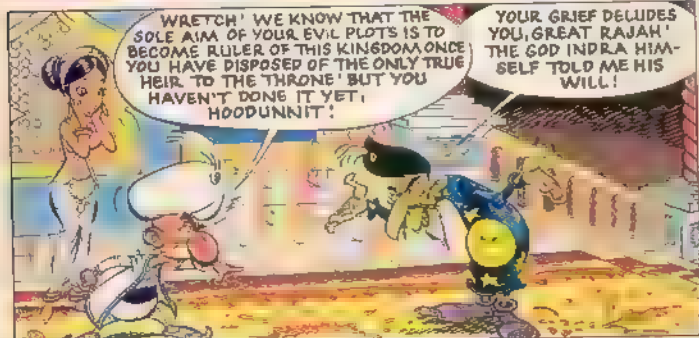
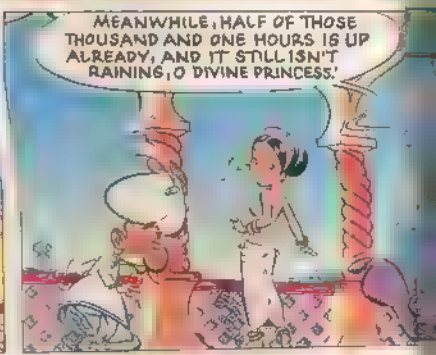
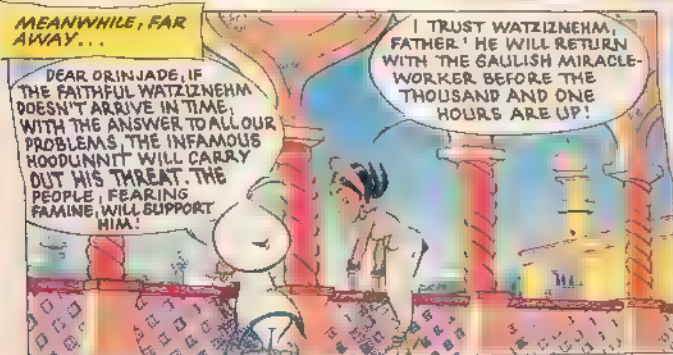
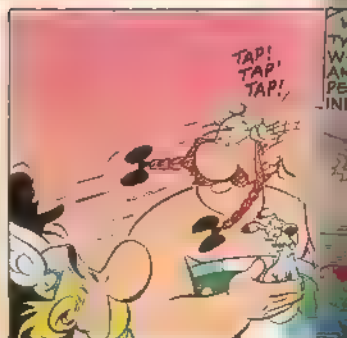
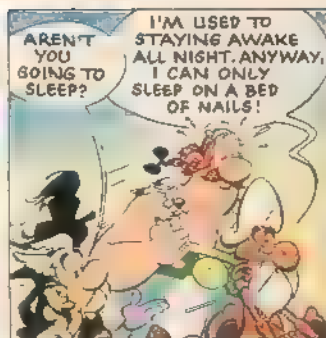
MY CARPET WILL
NEVER CARRY ALL
THAT! BUT WE CAN
STOP OFF TO EAT
WHenever YOU
WANT, OBELIX.

LATER...

I ALREADY
FEEL THERE'S
SOMETHING
MISSING!

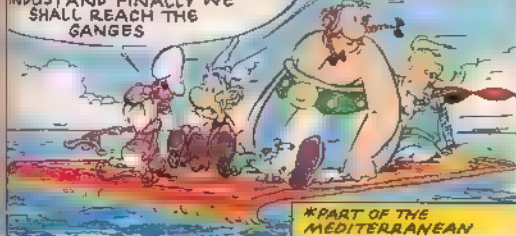






WE ARE NOW ABOVE THE TYRRHENIAN SEA! SOON WE'LL BE FLYING OVER ITALY, AND THEN GREECE, MESOPOTAMIA, PERSIA, THE VALLEY OF THE INDUS, AND FINALLY WE SHALL REACH THE GANGES

HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO FIND YOUR WAY SO EASILY?



*PART OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

SIMPLE! I JUST DO AS THE CARRIER PIGEONS DO!



A LITTLE BOW-WOW WANTS HIS DIN-DINS, DIDDUMS THEN, DOGMAITIX?

I SEE A SHIP! MAYBE THEY'LL HAVE DIN-DINS FOR A BIG CHUBBYCHOPS ON BOARD TOO.



YOU IN THE CROW'S NEST? SEE ANY SAILS AT SEA?



NOT A BLESSED SAIL, CAP'N..

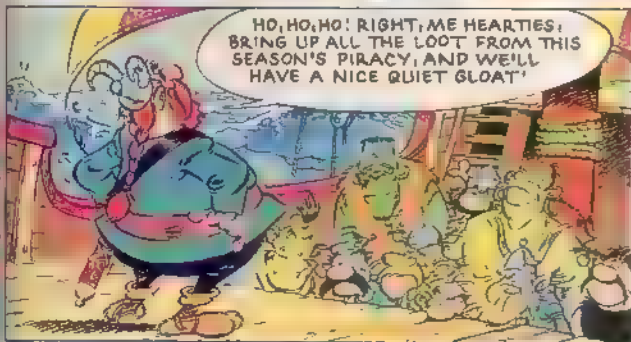


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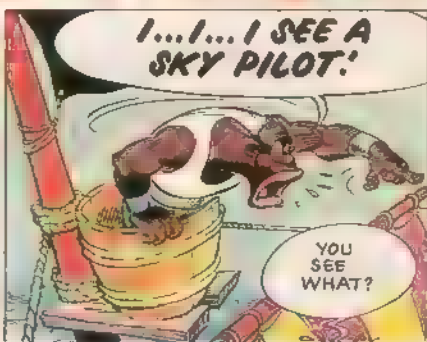
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HO, HO, HO! RIGHT, ME HEARTIES, BRING UP ALL THE LOOT FROM THIS SEASON'S PIRACY, AND WE'LL HAVE A NICE QUIET GLOAT!

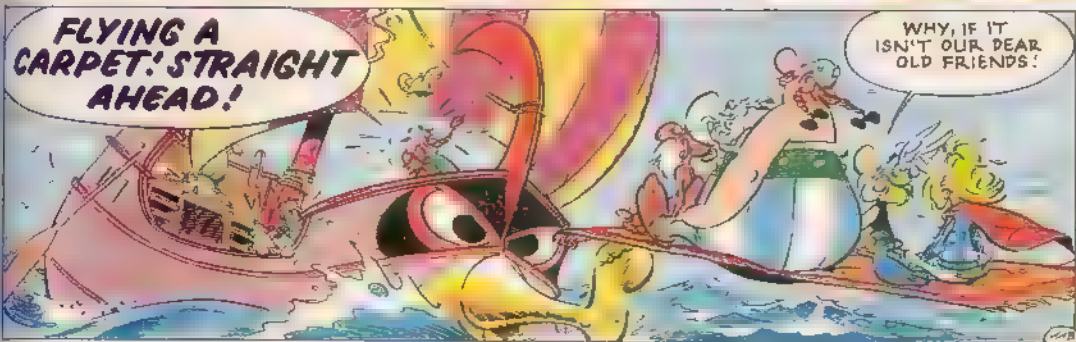


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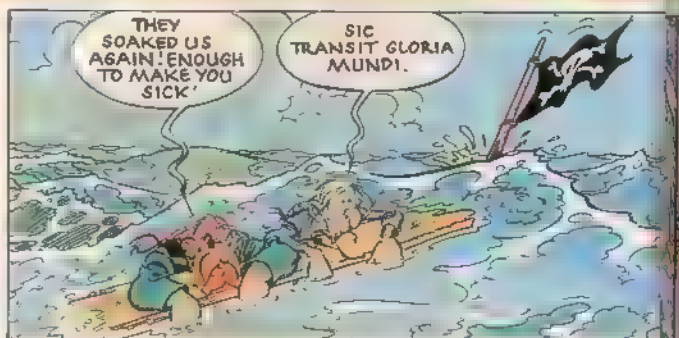
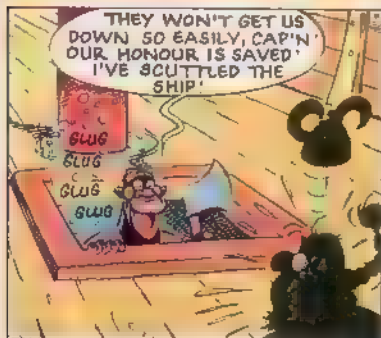
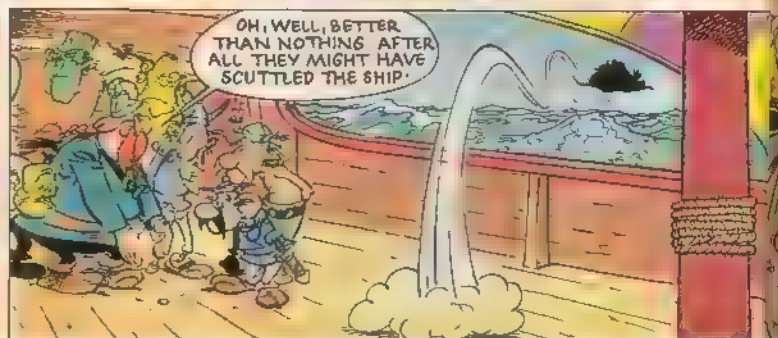
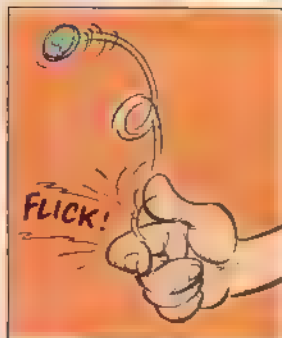
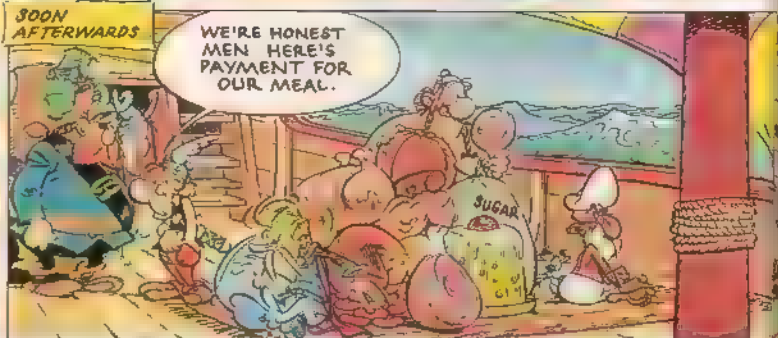
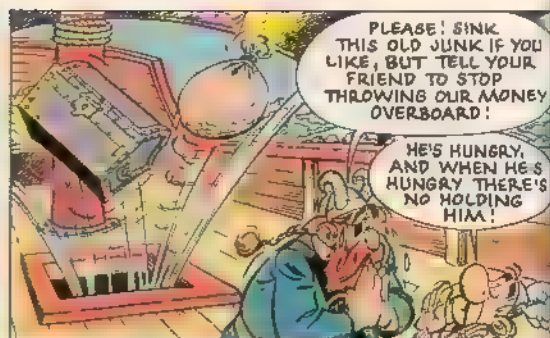
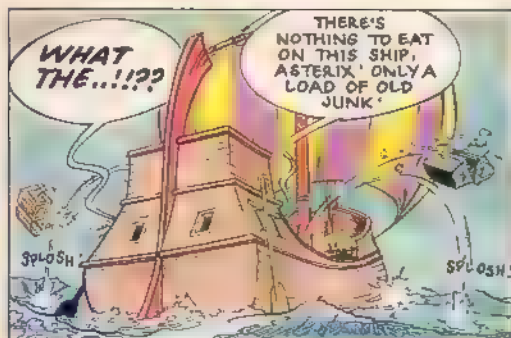


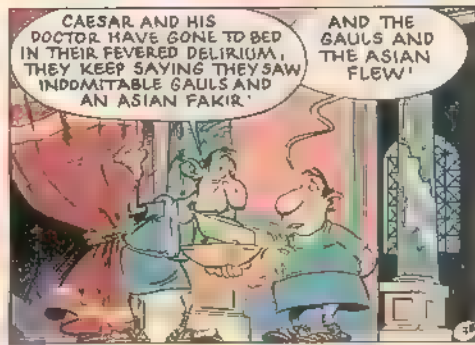
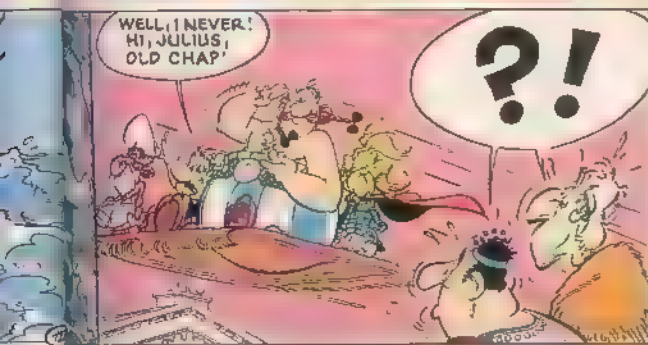
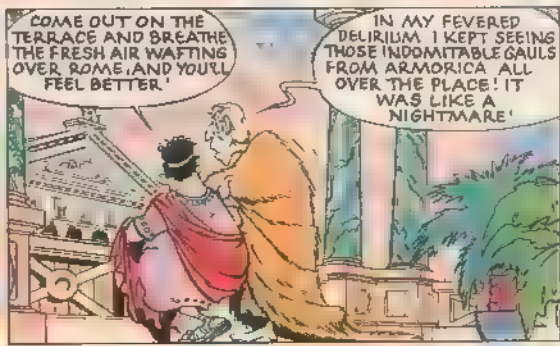
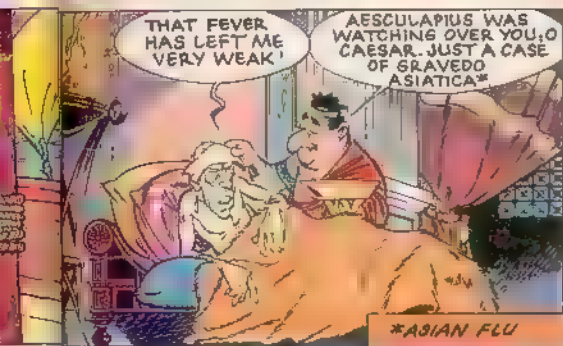
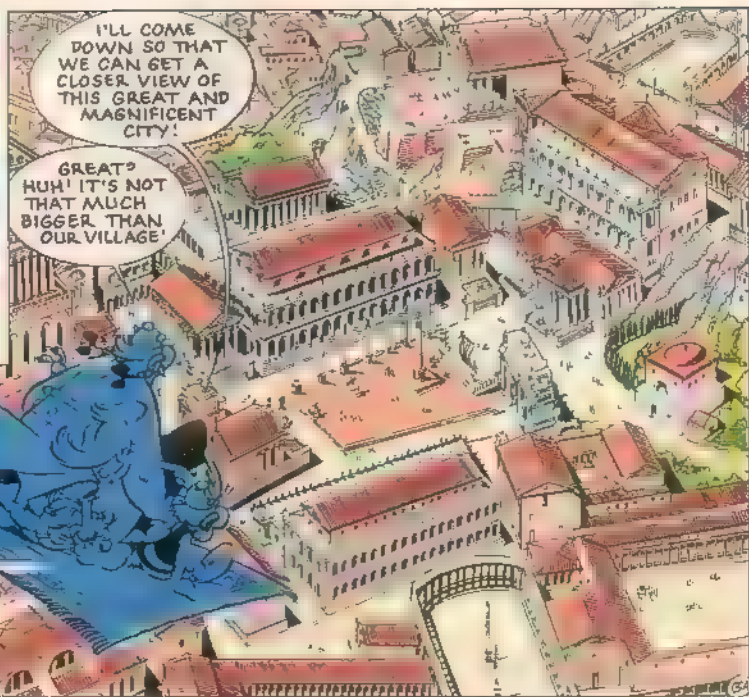
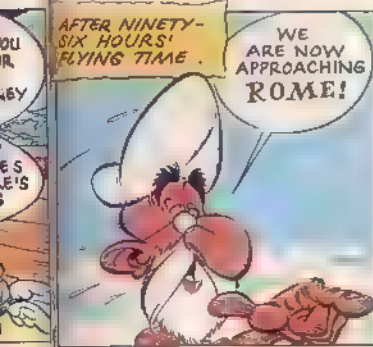
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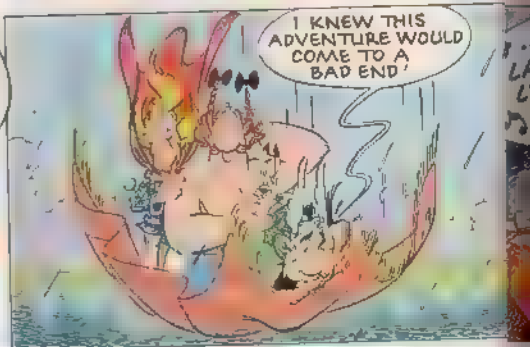
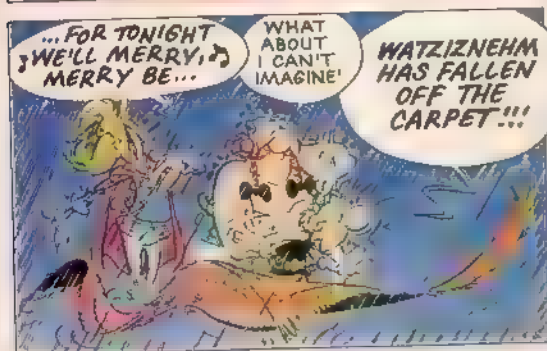
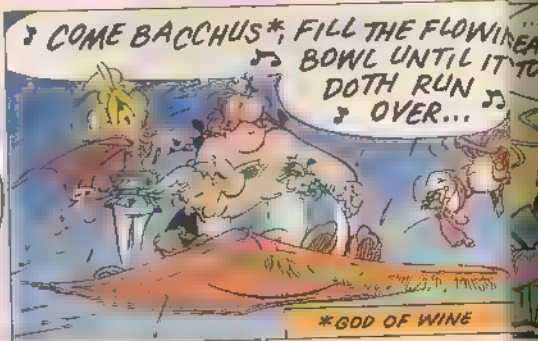
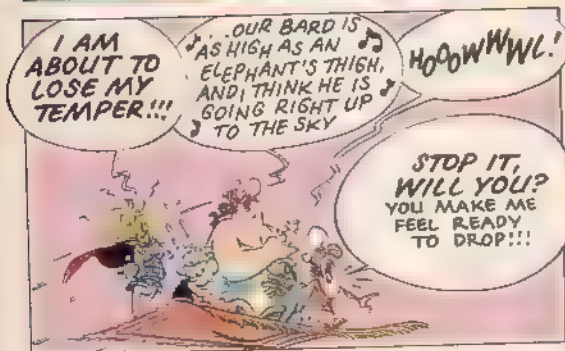
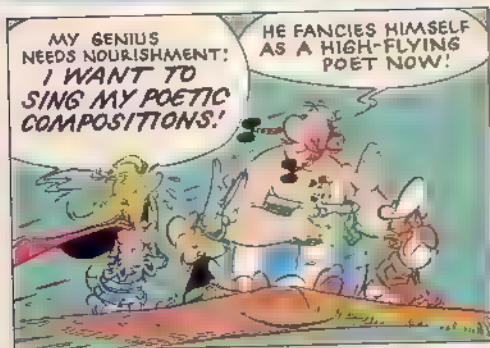
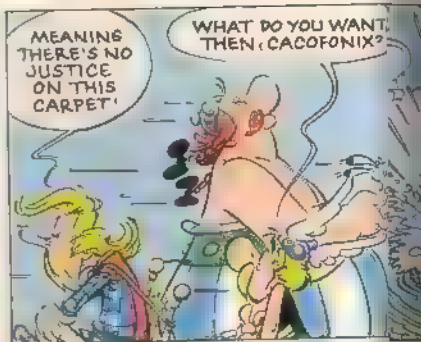
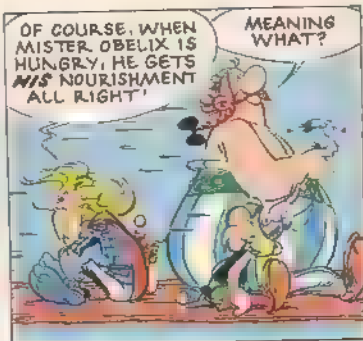
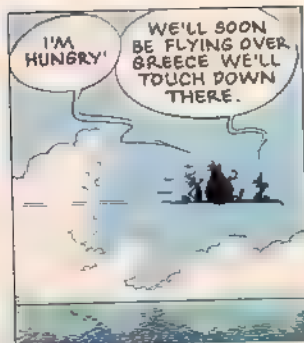
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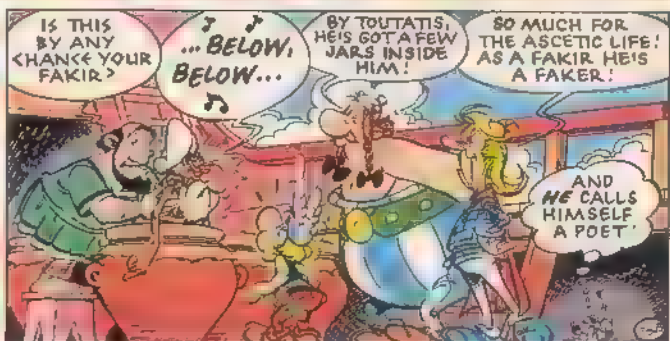
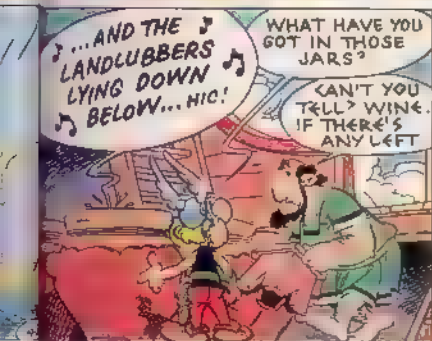
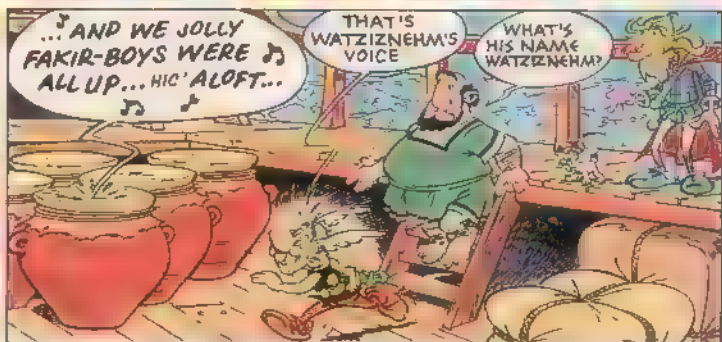
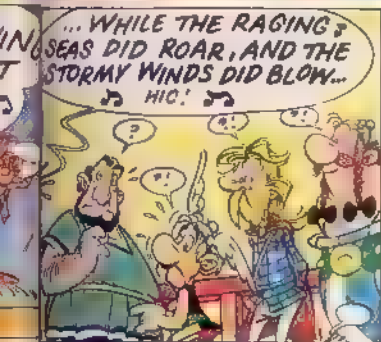
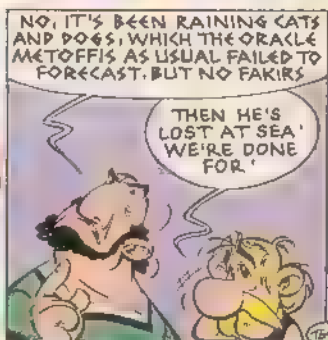
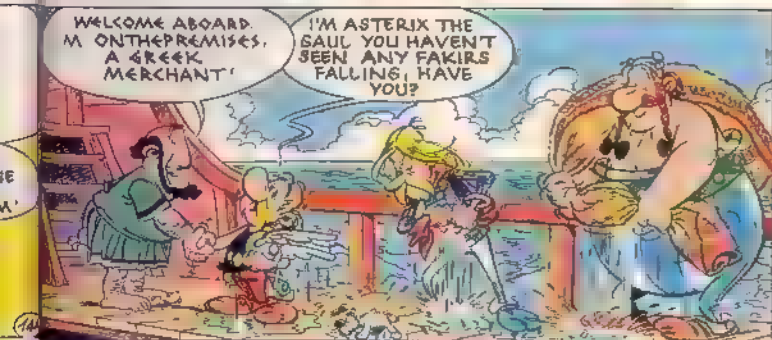
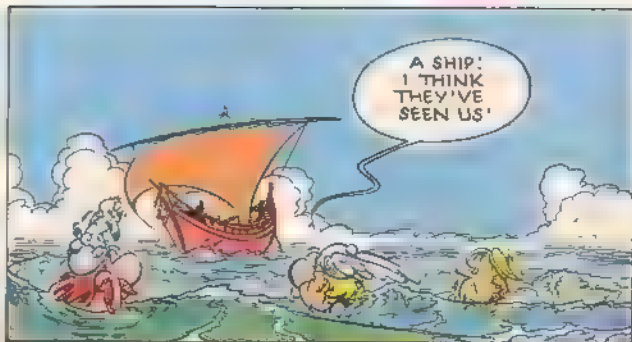


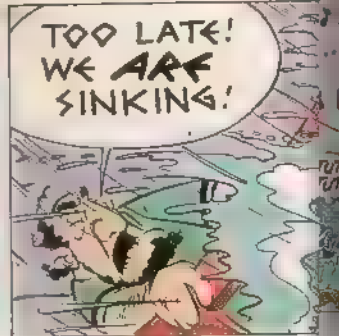
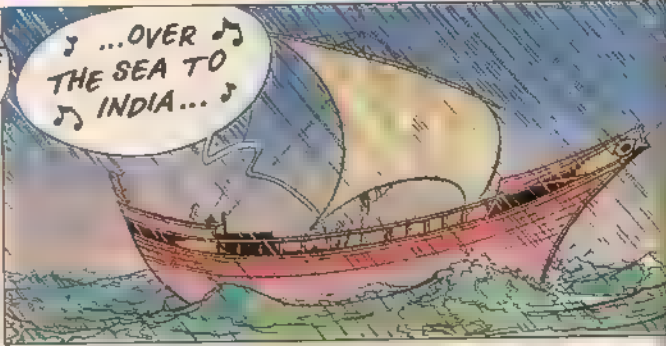
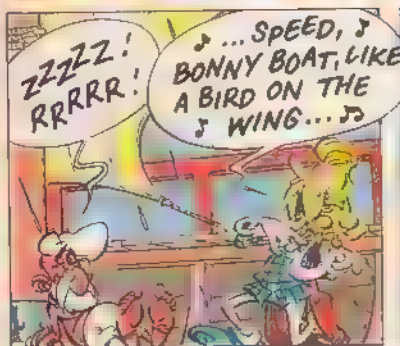
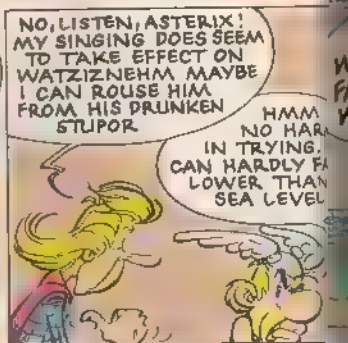
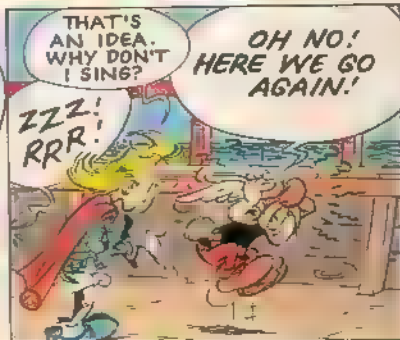
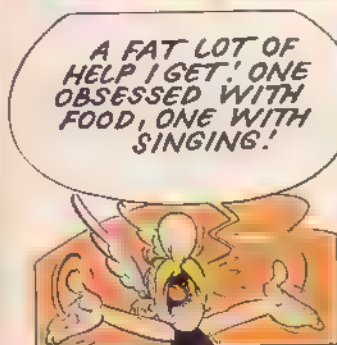
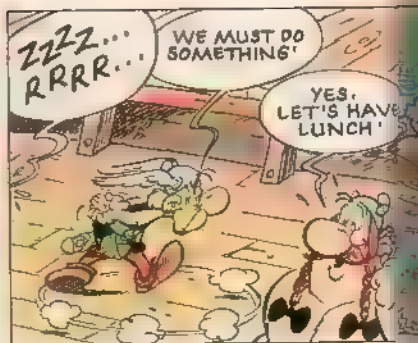
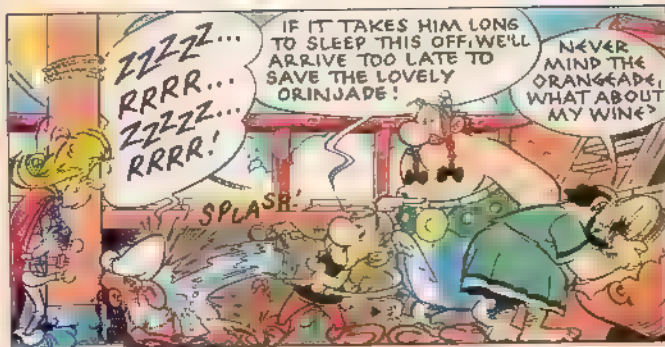
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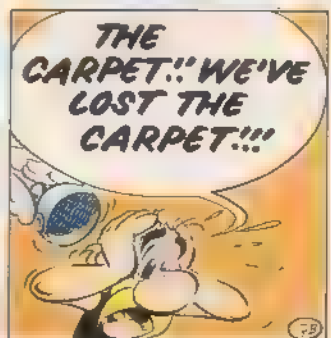
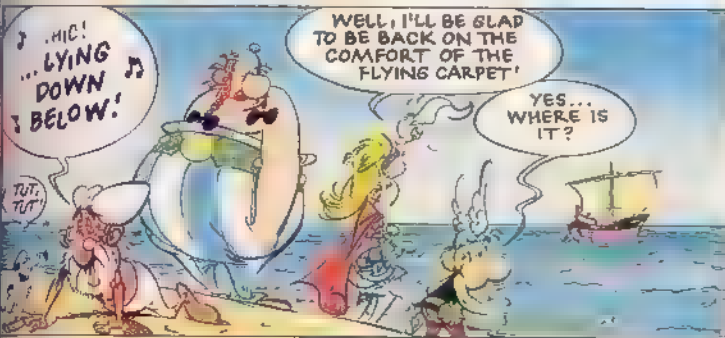
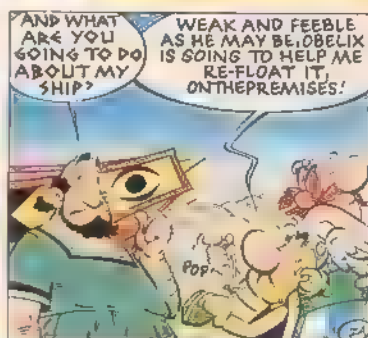
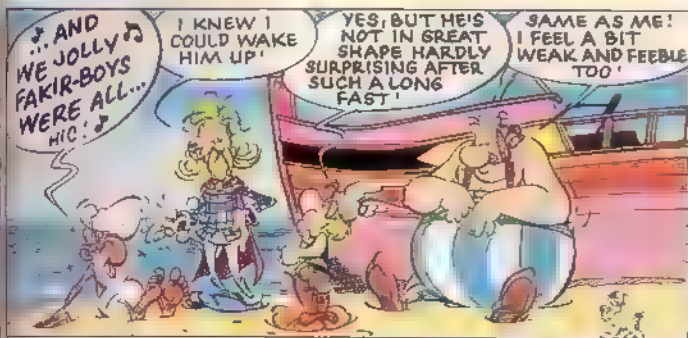
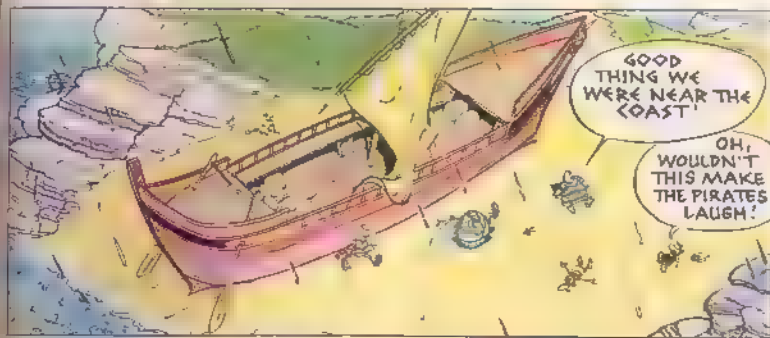


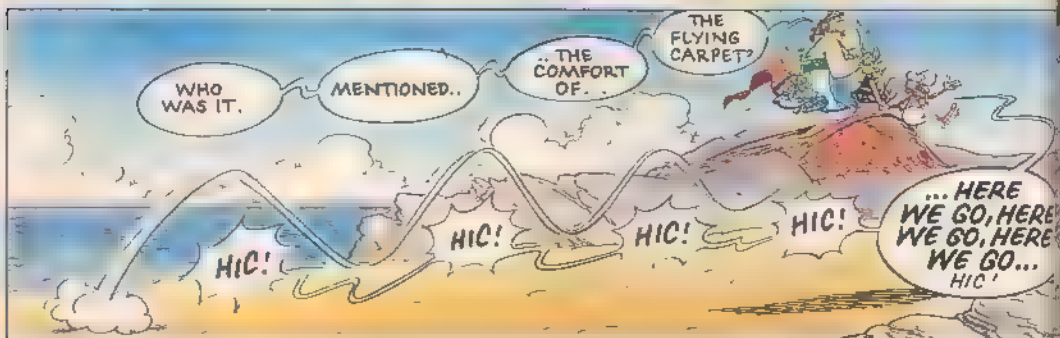
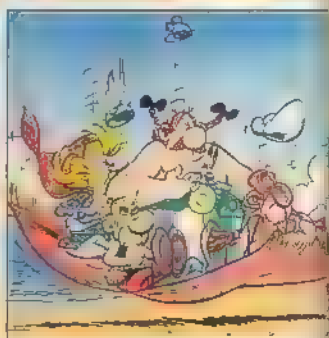
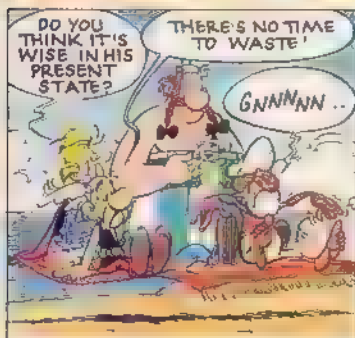
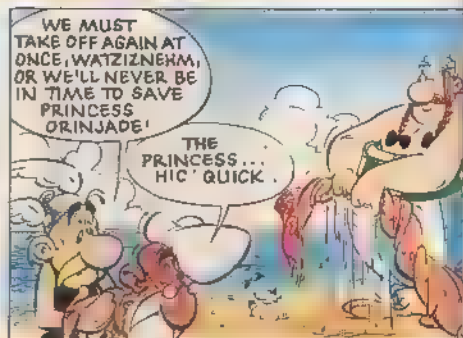
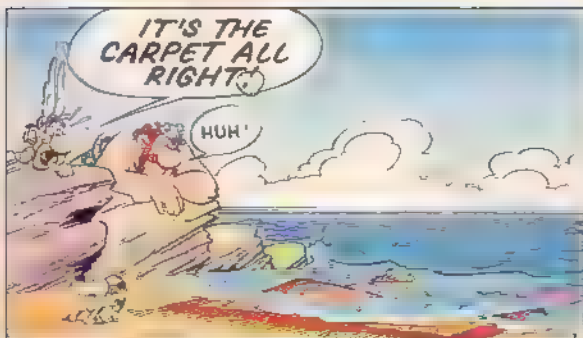
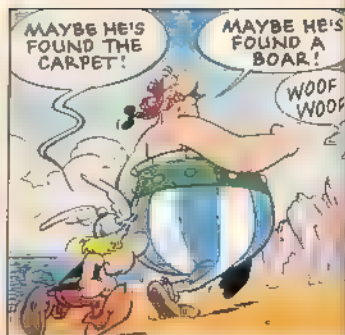
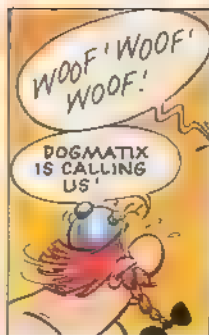
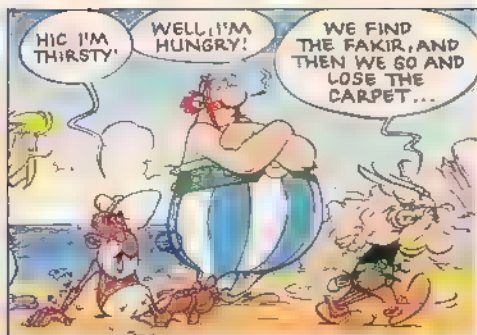












MEANWHILE, VERY FAR AWAY.

LEMUHNADÉ,
MY FAITHFUL
LEMUHNADÉ,
DO YOU SEE
ANYONE
COMING?

THE ANSWER
IS A LEMON*.

*FRUITLESS

WELL, OWZAT, MY WICKED
FRENCHMAN, THE HEIR OF THIS
KINGDOM WILL SOON BREATHE
HER LAST OF THE AIR OF THIS
KINGDOM. RATHER DRY, SH?
HERE'S TO THE SUCCESS
OF OUR PLANS!

YOU ALWAYS DID
HAVE A DRY WIT, O
DIVINE MASTER,
CHEERS! AND MAY
THE FORCES OF EVIL
MAKE THAT TALKATIVE
FOOL WATZIZNEHM
DRY UP FOR
EVER.

I'M A FOOL,
AND I'VE GOT
A TERRIBLE
THIRST!

WELL, I'M NO FOOL,
BUT I'VE GOT A
TERRIBLE HUNGER!

WHY BLAME
YOURSELF?
IT'S NOT
YOUR
FAULT!

I HAVE
COMMITTED THE
SIN OF GLUTTONY!
NET RESULT A
SPLITTING HEAD-
ACHE AND A FRIGHT-
FUL WASTE OF
TIME!

WELL, WE'LL SOON BE
FLYING OVER ATHENS, AND
THEN WE LEAVE GREECE
BEHIND!

SURE ENOUGH, AFTER A
HUNDRED AND FIFTY HOURS'
FLYING TIME

REMEMBER
OUR TRIP TO THE
OLYMPIC GAMES,
OBELIX?

YES, SPECIALLY
THERMOS'S LITTLE
RESTAURANT AND HIS
STUFFED VINE LEAVES,
KEBABS, OLIVES, WATER
MELON AND RESINATED
WINE! * (SIGH)

*SEE ASTERIX AT THE
OLYMPIC GAMES.

THE HOURS
PASS
INEXORABLY
BY... THEREBY
HANGS MANY
A TALE

WE SHALL
SOON BE LEAVING
THE SEA FOR THE
LAST TIME AND
FLYING OVER THE
LANDS OF THE
ORIENT!

GOOD! WE
CAN COME
DOWN AND HAVE
SOME DINNER
AT LAST!

TWANG!

OOOOOWWWW

?

OBELIX!

YOWL!
YOWL!
YOWL!

QUICK!
HE'S
FALLING!!!

I CAN
STILL SEE HIM
I'LL TRY FLYING
UNDERNEATH
HIM!

POF!

ALL RIGHT,
OBELIX?

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

WOOF!
WOOF!

THEY'RE
STILL
SHOOTING
AT US, BY
TOUTATIS!

WE'RE
OVER TYREX.
YES, IT IS
RATHER
TIRESOME

LET'S
GET SHOT
OF
THIS LOT,
QUICK!!!

I DON'T LIKE
IT A BIT!

OH, YOU SOON
GET USED TO

*PHOENICIAN PORT:
see ASTERIX AND THE
BLACK GOLD

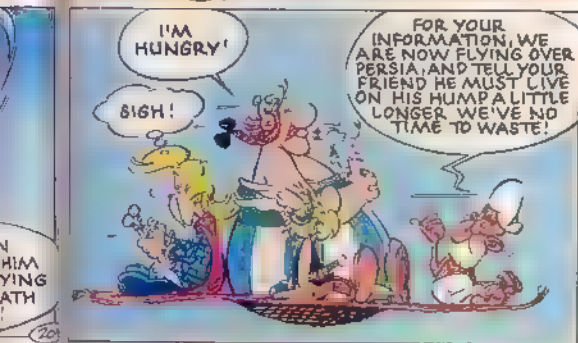


LEMUHNAD, LEMUHNAD, DO YOU SEE ANYONE COMING?

THE ANSWER'S STILL A LEMON ..

YOUR WEATHER FORECASTS HAVE BEEN ACCURATE SO FAR, OWZAT? NOT A CLOUD ON THE HORIZON! BUT SUPPOSE WATZITNEHM BRINGS THAT GALE BACK IN TIME TO MAKE IT RAIN?

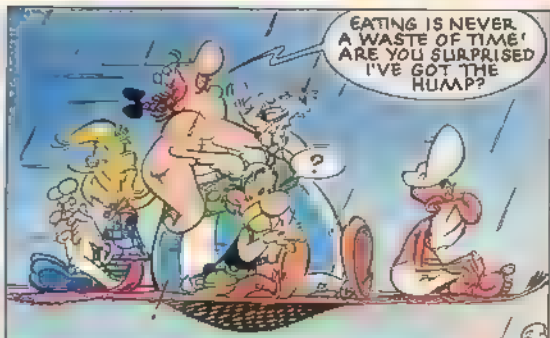
I DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT KIND OF MIRACLE. DIVINE MASTER FLYING CARPETS ARE ONE THING, BUT RAIN-MAKING IS SHEER SCIENCE FICTION.



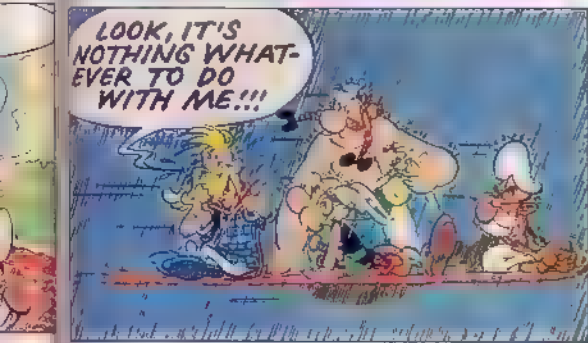
I'M HUNGRY!

SIGH!

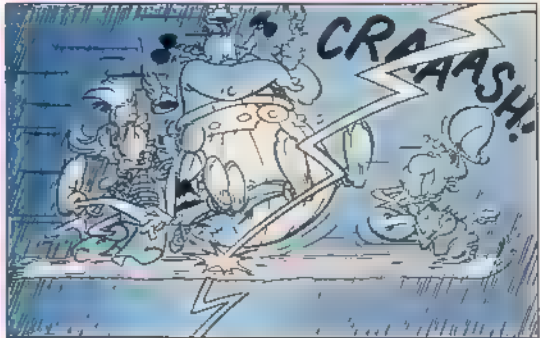
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ARE NOW FLYING OVER PERSIA, AND TELL YOUR FRIEND HE MUST LIVE ON HIS HUMPHALITTLE LONGER. WE'VE NO TIME TO WASTE!



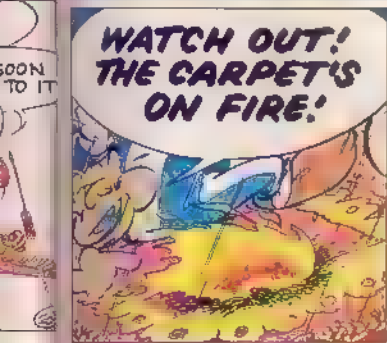
EATING IS NEVER A WASTE OF TIME! ARE YOU SURPRISED I'VE GOT THE HUMPH?



LOOK, IT'S NOTHING WHAT-EVER TO DO WITH ME!!!



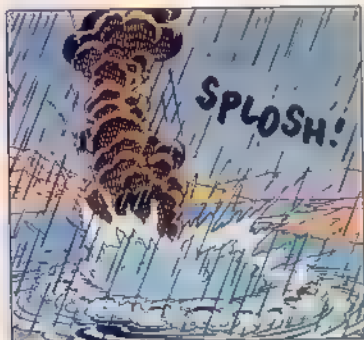
CRASH!



WATCH OUT! THE CARPET'S ON FIRE!



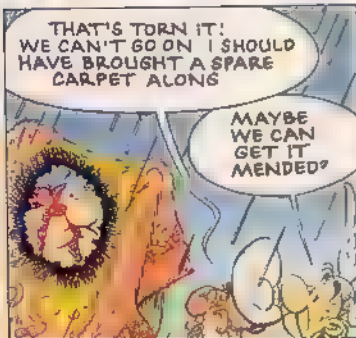
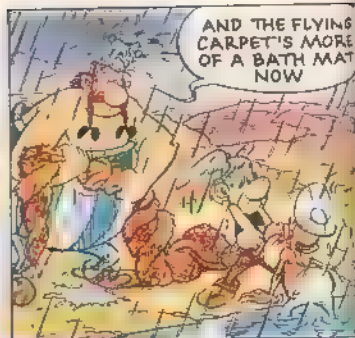
THE CARPET'S BEEN HOLED! I CAN'T HOLD IT STEADY!



WHAT LUCK I MANAGED TO DIVERT OUR FLIGHT PATH TOWARDS THIS RIVER!

YES, BUT NOW WE'RE ALL WASHED UP!

THIS POURS COLD WATER ON OUR PLANS



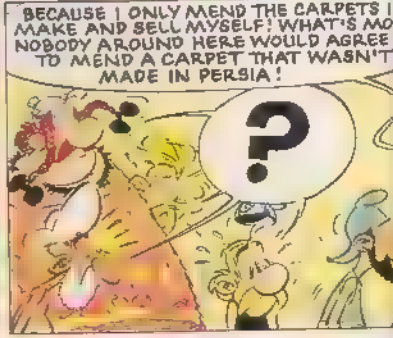
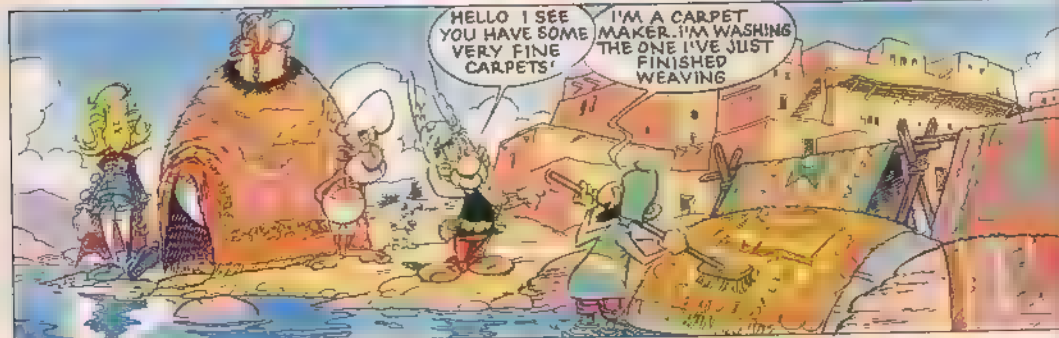
THAT'S POSSIBLE. IN FACT, WE MAY HAVE FALLEN ON OUR FEET, LANDING HERE! PERSIA IS FAMOUS FOR ITS CARPETS. IF WE GO ON ALONG THIS RIVER, WE MIGHT FIND A CARPET MENDER.

BUT AFTER A WALK OF SEVERAL HOURS

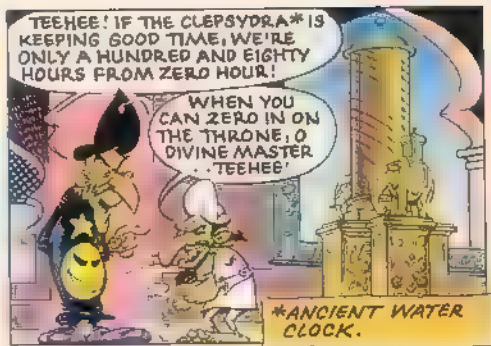
WE'VE HAD THE RUG PULLED OUT FROM UNDER US!

AND TIME IS PASSING WE'RE DONE FOR NOW

LOOK A VILLAGE OVER THERE!

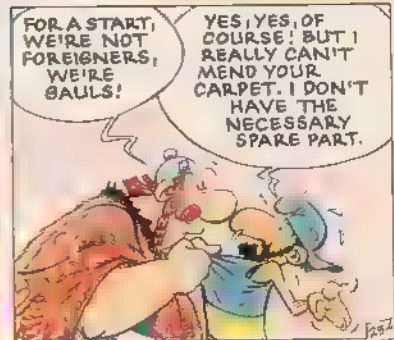


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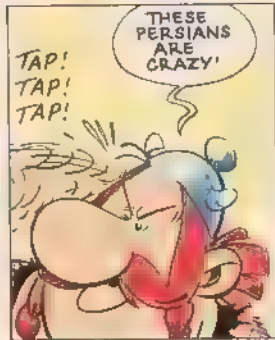
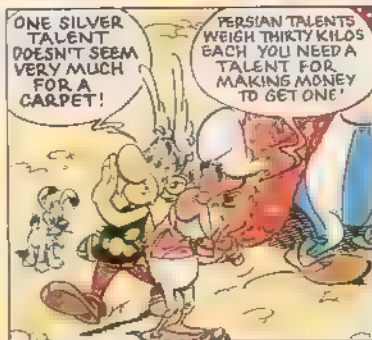
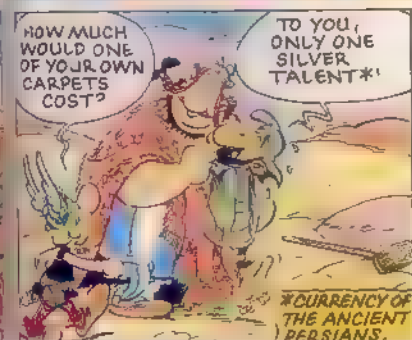


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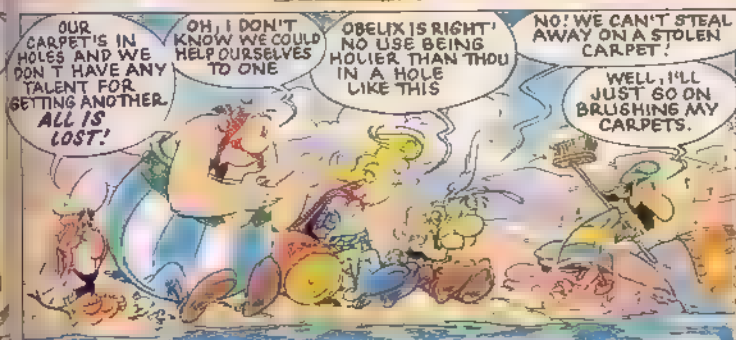
MEANWHILE...



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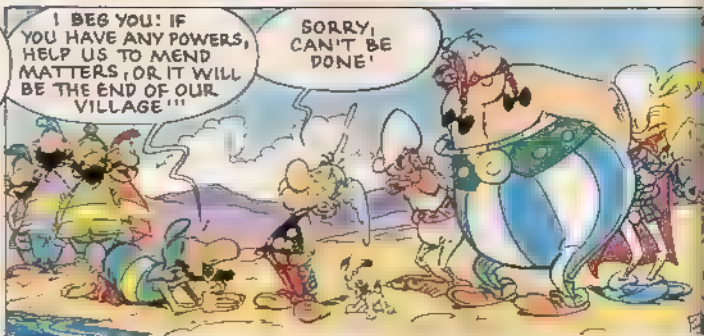


**THE PIRATES
WILL STEAL OUR
CARPETS AND BURN
OUR HOUSES DOWN
AGAIN!!!**



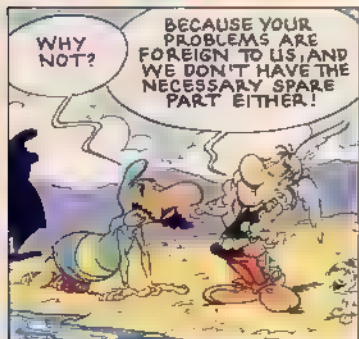
I BEG YOU: IF
YOU HAVE ANY POWERS,
HELP US TO MEND
MATTERS, OR IT WILL
BE THE END OF OUR
VILLAGE!!

SORRY,
CAN'T BE
DONE!



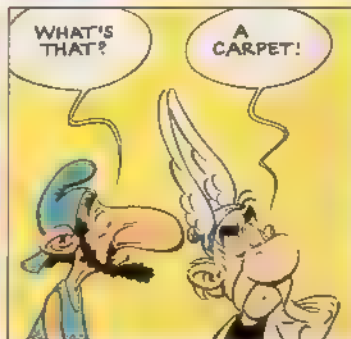
WHY
NOT?

BECAUSE YOUR
PROBLEMS ARE
FOREIGN TO US, AND
WE DON'T HAVE THE
NECESSARY SPARE
PART EITHER!



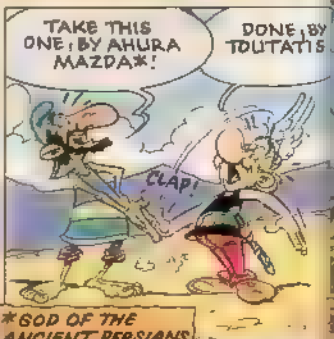
WHAT'S
THAT?

A
CARPET!



TAKE THIS
ONE, BY AHURA
MAZDA*

DONE, BY
TOUTATIS



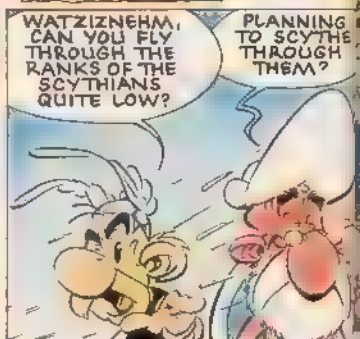
CACOFONIX,
YOU WAIT HERE
WITH DOGMATIX.
THIS WON'T
TAKE LONG!

A BIT OF
ACTION AT
LAST!



WATZIZNEHM,
CAN YOU FLY
THROUGH THE
RANKS OF THE
SCYTHIANS
QUITE LOW?

PLANNING
TO SCYTHE
THROUGH
THEM?



CRASH!
BANG!
WALLOP!

BY THE GREAT
GODDESS*! WE MUST FLY
FROM THESE DEMONS
OF THE SKY!

*PRINCIPAL
DEITY OF THE
SCYTHIANS.

OVER ALREADY?
I PREFER ROMANS
THEY LAST
LONGER!

**LONG LIVE
OUR HEROES!**

**LONG LIVE
OUR RESCUERS!**

AND THEY
DID IT WITH
MY CARPET,
TOO!

WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!

WE OWE YOU
A LOT! WHAT
CAN WE GIVE YOU,
BESIDES THE
CARPET?

**SOMETHING
TO EAT!**

AND SO,
A LITTLE
LATER...

THESE
LITTLE
GREY THINGS
ARE VERY
NICE!

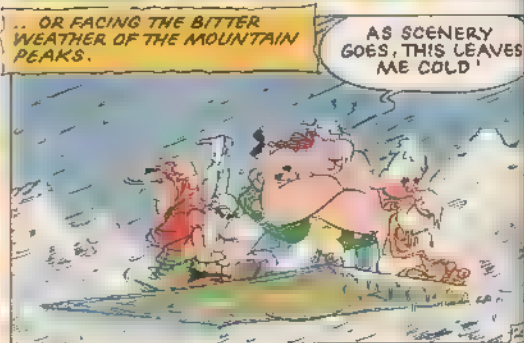
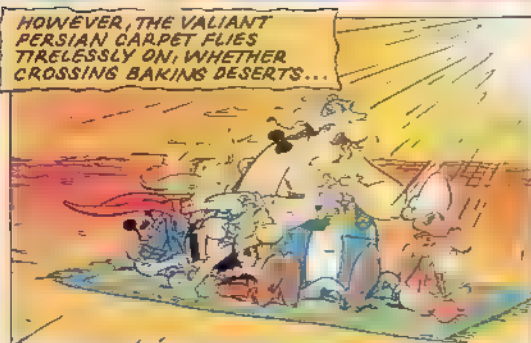
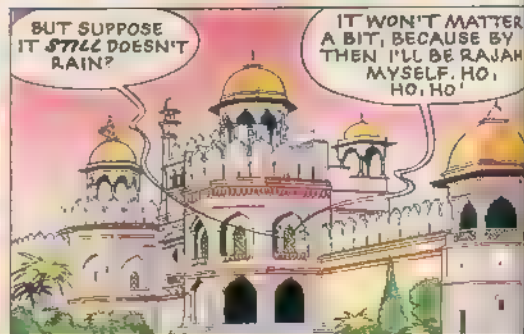
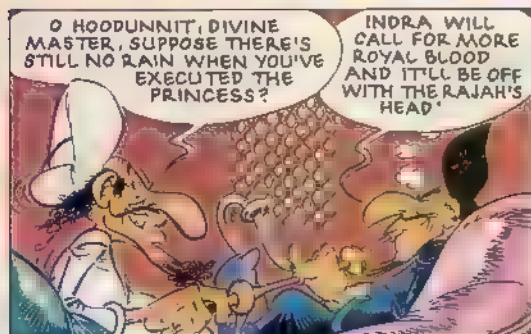
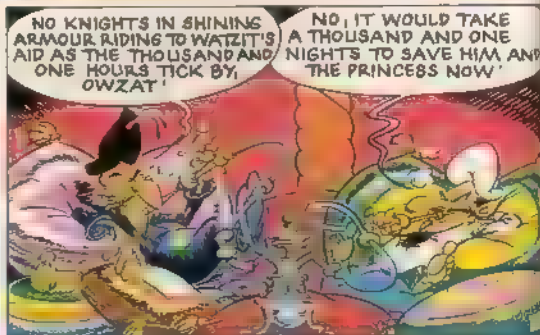
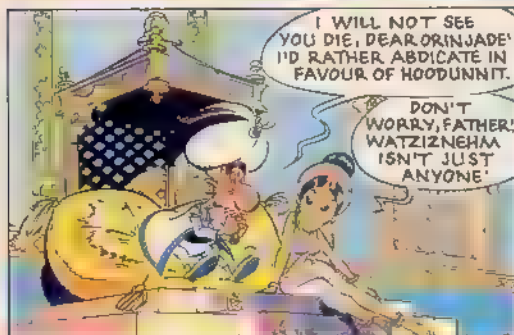
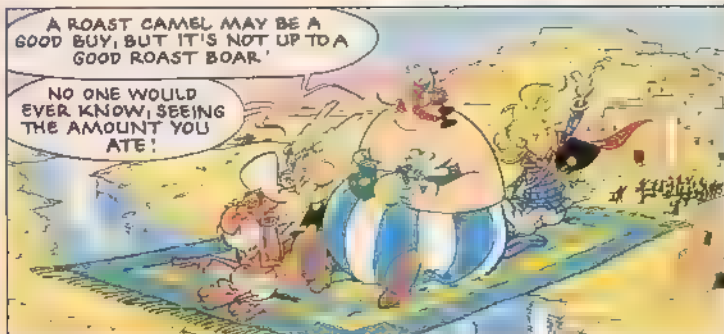
ONLY POOR MAN'S
FARE. FISH EGGS WE
CALL THEM KHAVIAR.
THEY'RE VERY
NOURISHING, THOUGH!

ONE EGG
WILL DO FOR
ME, THEN!

WHAT'S
THAT?

ROAST CAMEL'S AS GOOD
AS PROMEDARY, BUT A
BETTER BUY, BECAUSE IT
HAS TWO HUMPS!

SCRUNCH
SCRUNCH



AT LAST, 30 HOURS, 30 MINUTES
AND 30 SECONDS FROM ZERO HOUR

HERE WE ARE! THE RIVER GANGES!



LOOKS A
BIT GUNGY, AS
RIVERS GO'

WHAT ARE ALL
THOSE PEOPLE
DOING SQUELCHING
ABOUT IN THE
MID?

THE GANGES IS A SACRED RIVER. EVEN IN THIS DROUGHT, THE PEOPLE STILL COME HERE TO WASH, THUS PURIFYING THEIR SOULS AND BODIES. SEE?

CLEAR AS MUD'
THESE INDIANS ARE
CRAZY!

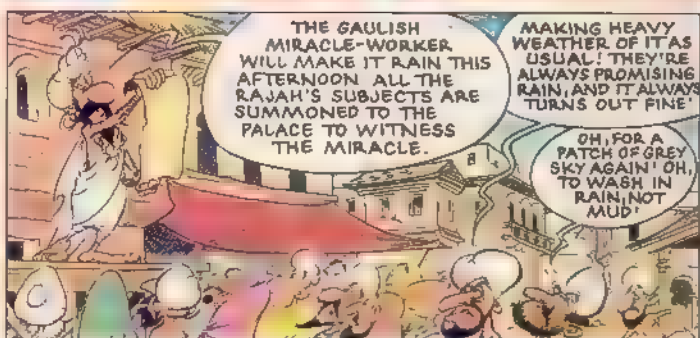
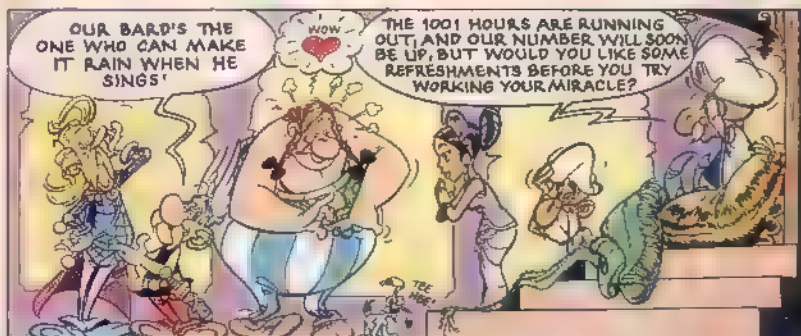
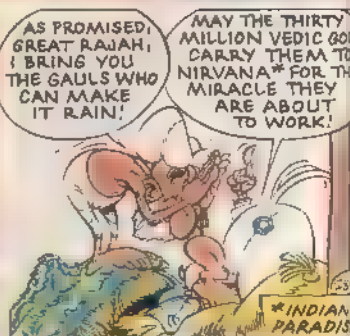
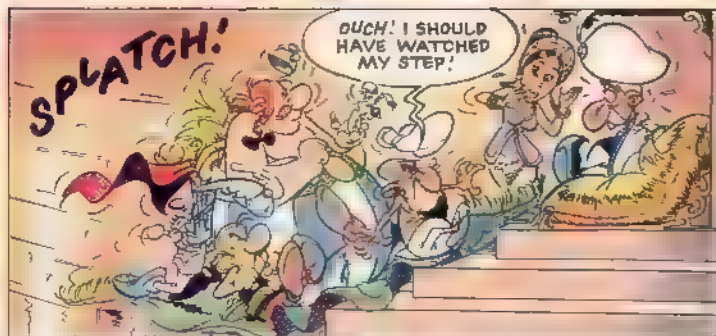
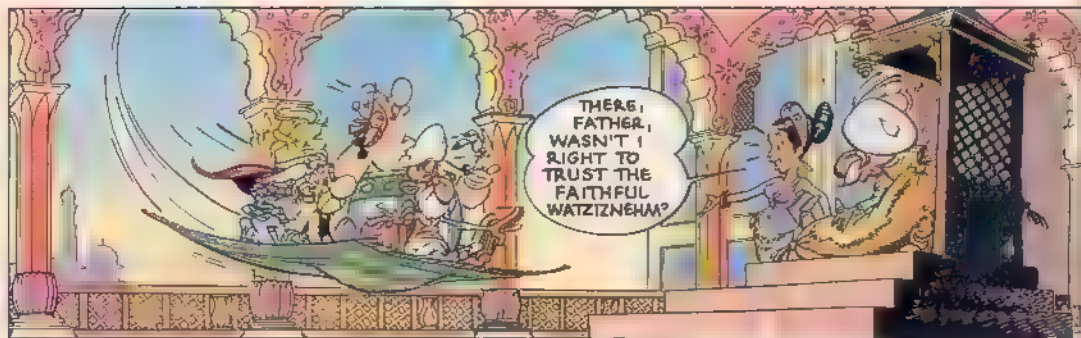
TAP!
TAP!
TAP

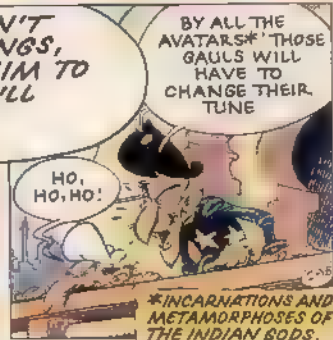
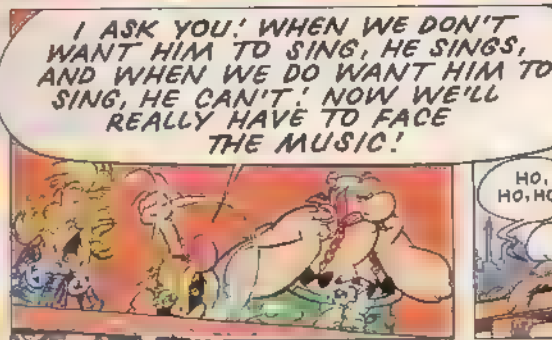
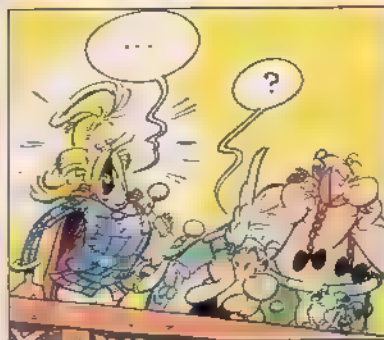
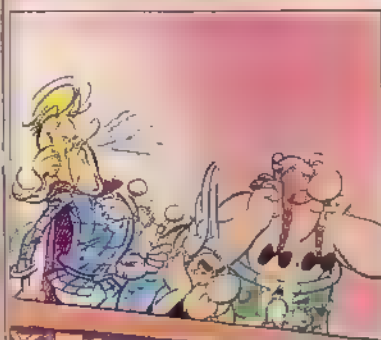
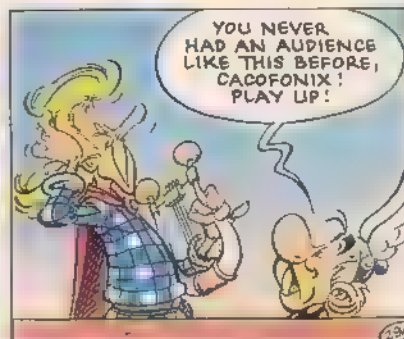
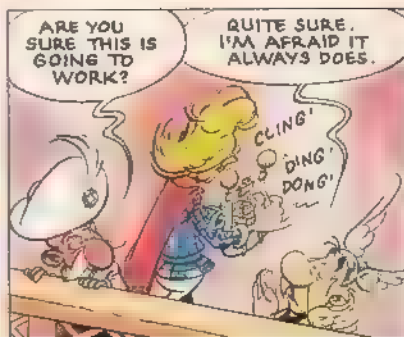
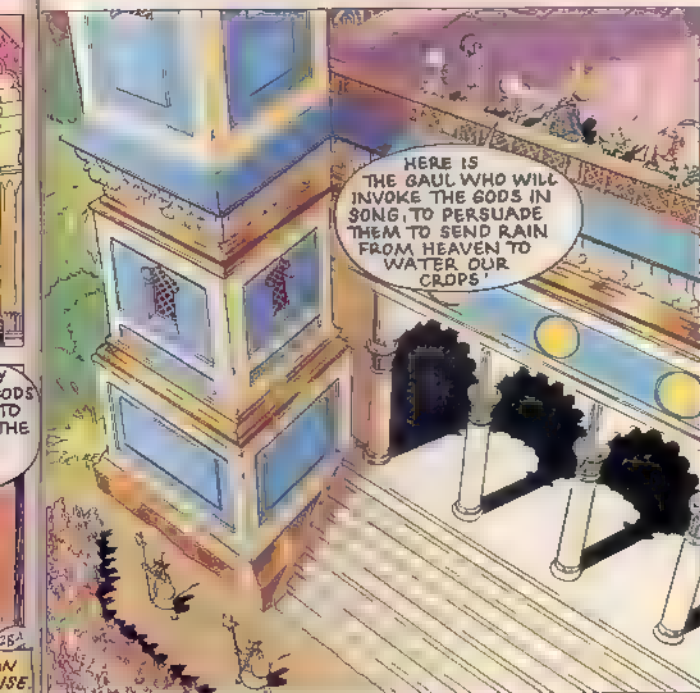
AND HERE
IS RAJAH
WATZIT'S
PALACE!

I SEE
WATZIZNEHM'S
CARPET COMING IN
... HE'S ABOUT TO
BRAKE...

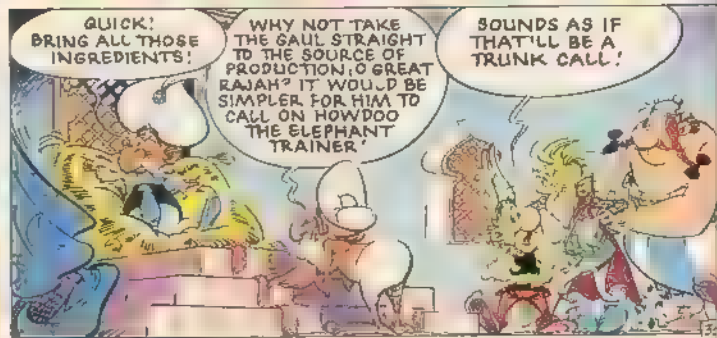
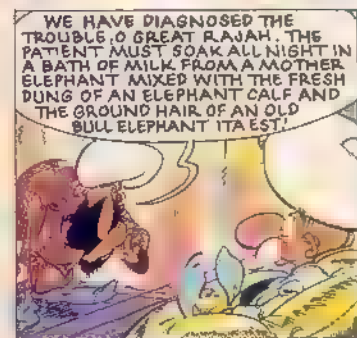
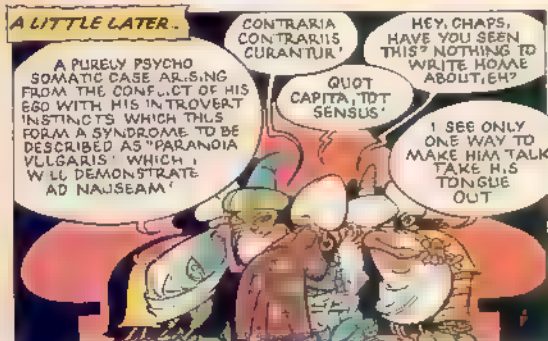
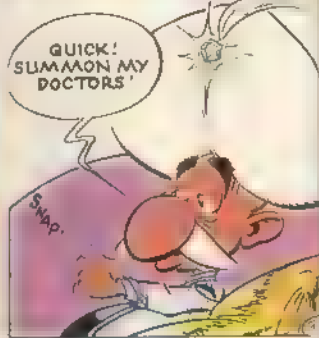
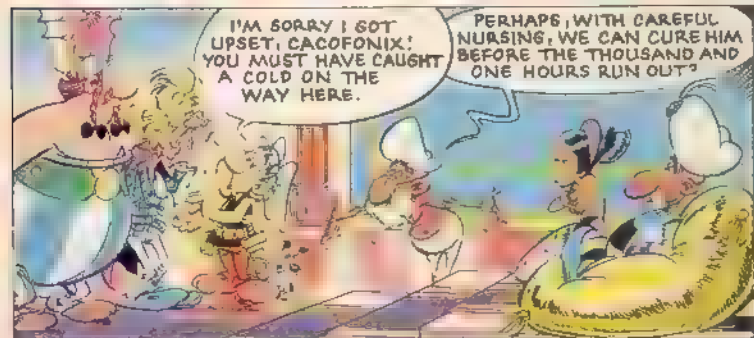
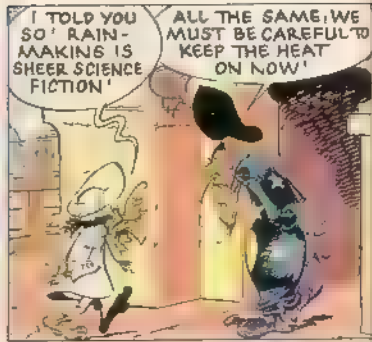
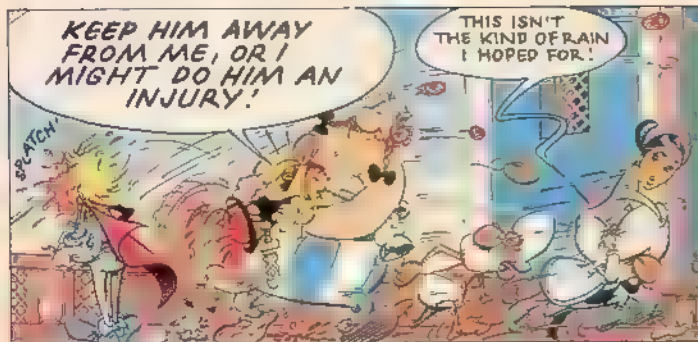
HE'S GOT THE GAULS
ON BOARD!!! IS THIS OUR
LUCKY BREAK?

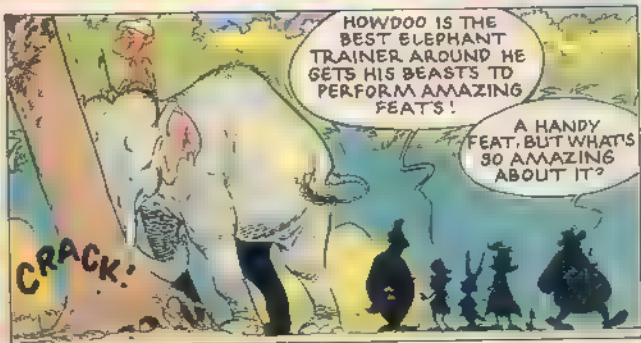
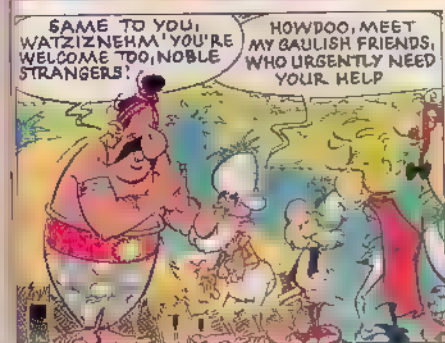
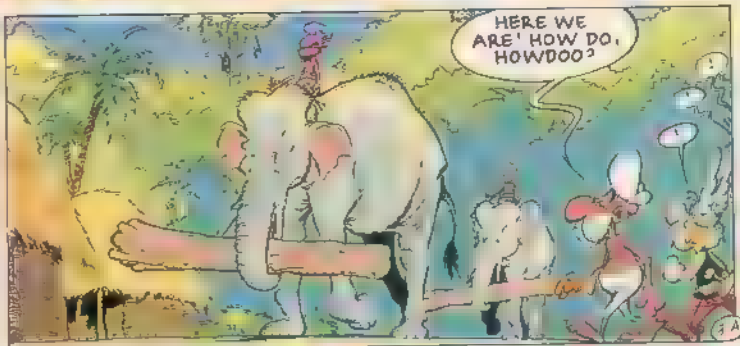
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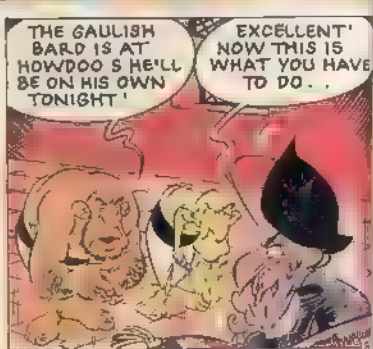
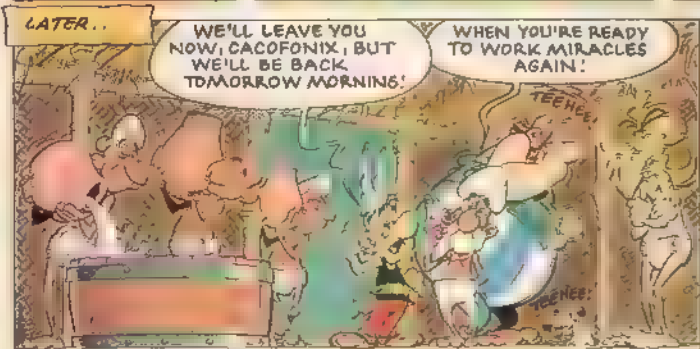
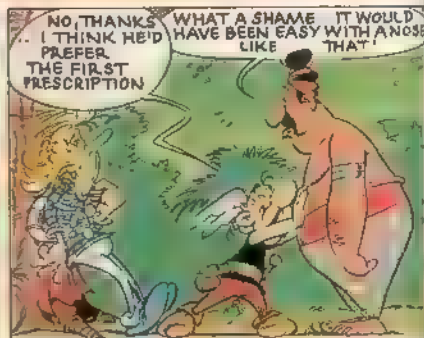
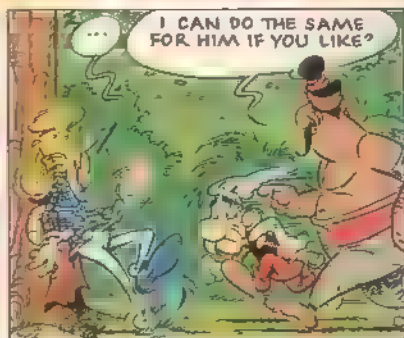
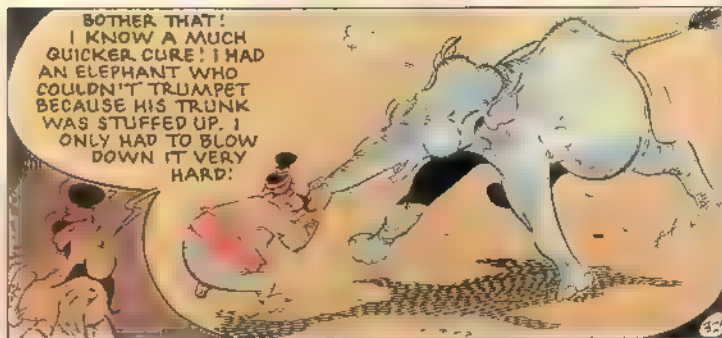
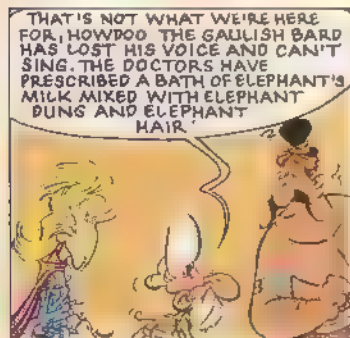
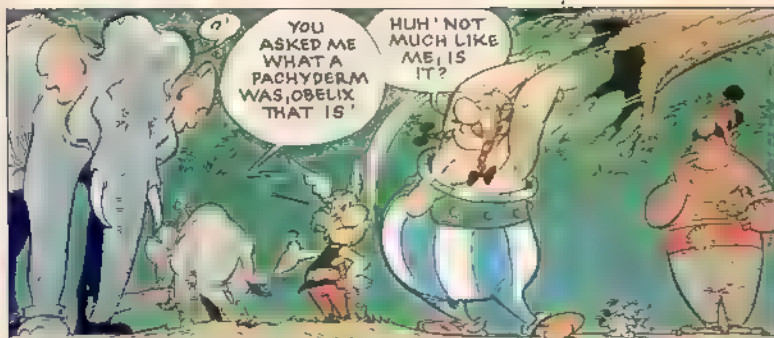




*INCARNATIONS AND METAMORPHOSES OF THE INDIAN GODS.







WHEN NIGHT HAS FALLEN, EIGHTEEN HOURS FROM ZERO HOUR

WHAT A PONG! IT MAKES ME GAS!

WELL, WE NEEDN'T WASTE TIME GAGGING HIM, SINCE HE CAN'T SPEAK.



I CAN STAND MOST THINGS THE NIGHT, THE JUNGLE, THE JUNGLE BY NIGHT, BUT THIS STINK IS TOO MUCH FOR ME

THE SOONER WE GET THERE, THE BETTER FOR US



BY NOW OUR MEN WILL BE TAKING THE GAUL TO THE SACRED SANCTUARY OF THE ELEPHANTS' GRAVE-YARD, IN THE HEART OF THE JUNGLE

TEEHSEHEB' WHEN HE'S FOUND, THE FURIOUS ELEPHANTS WILL HAVE TRAMPLED HIM TO THE THICKNESS OF A DRACHMAN



* GREEK COIN USED IN INDIA

NEXT MORNING, WITH TEN HOURS TO GO TO ZERO HOUR

TIME TO GO AND GET CACOFONIX! IT'LL BE QUICKER BY CARPET!

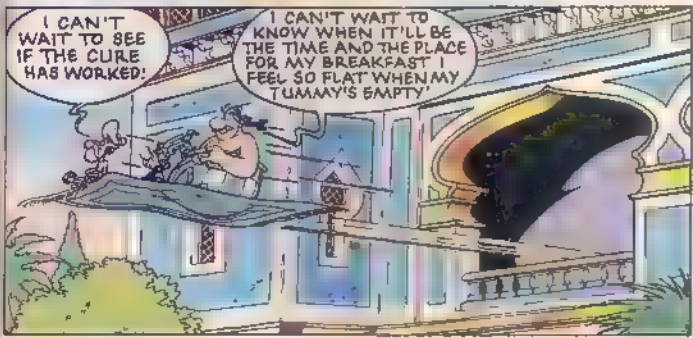
WHAT ABOUT MY BREAKFAST?

THERE'S A TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERY THING



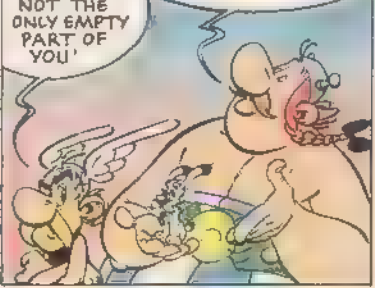
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IF THE CURE HAS WORKED!

I CAN'T WAIT TO KNOW WHEN IT'LL BE THE TIME AND THE PLACE FOR MY BREAKFAST I FEEL SO FLAT WHEN MY TUMMY'S EMPTY



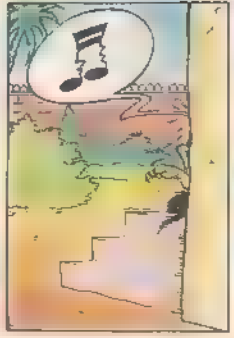
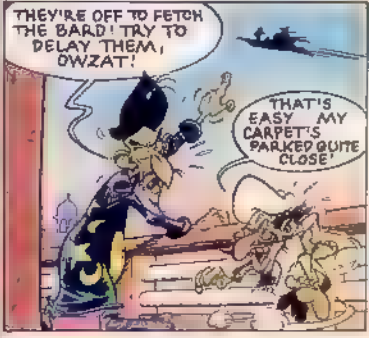
AND YOUR TUMMY'S NOT THE ONLY EMPTY PART OF YOU!

THERE, YOU ADMIT IT YOURSELF!

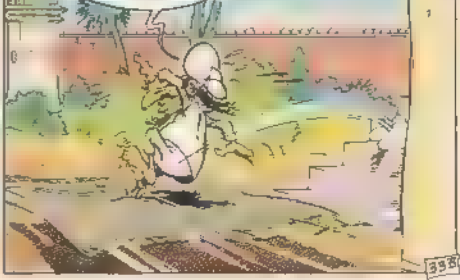


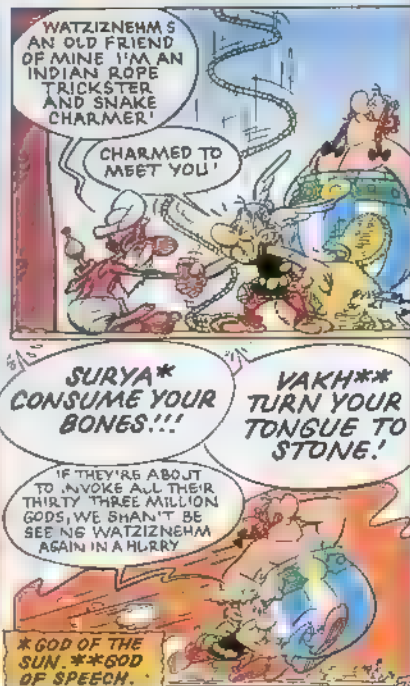
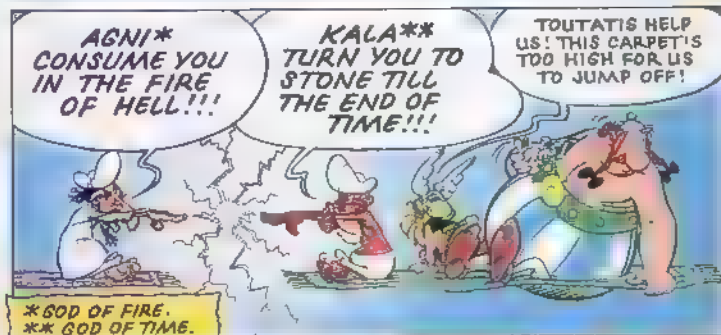
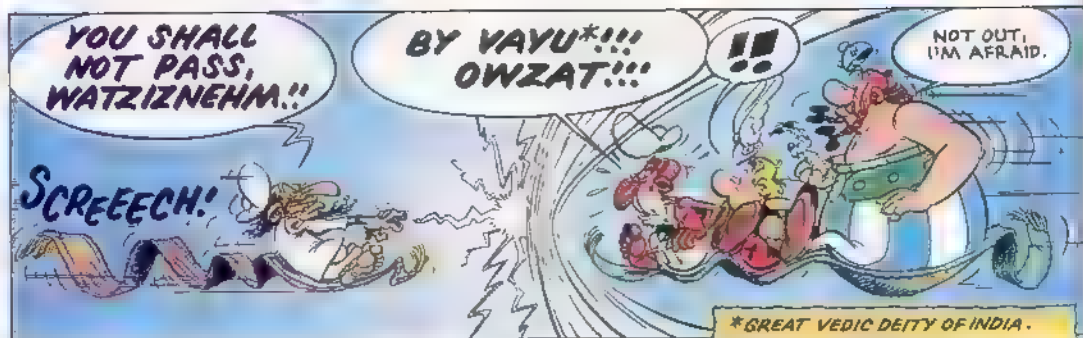
THEY'RE OFF TO FETCH THE BARD! TRY TO DELAY THEM, DWZAT!

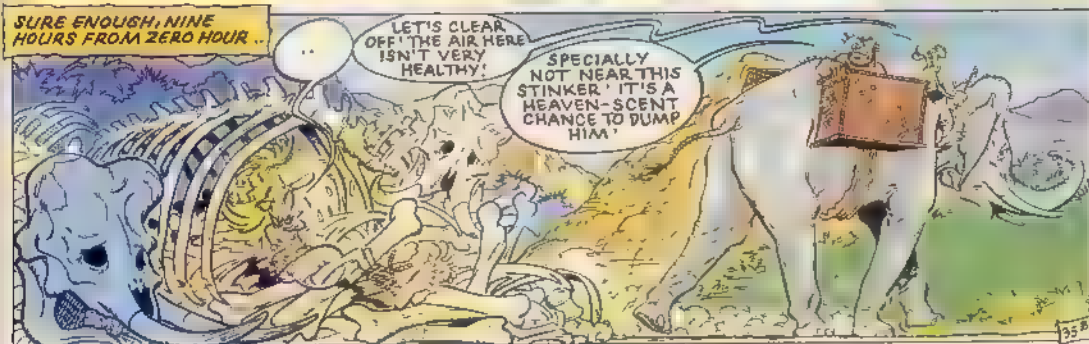
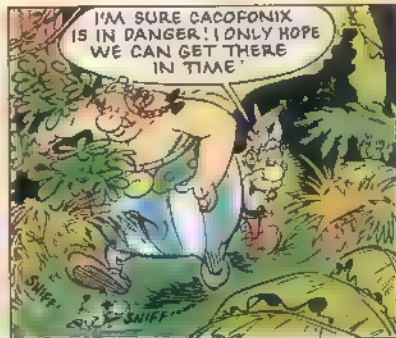
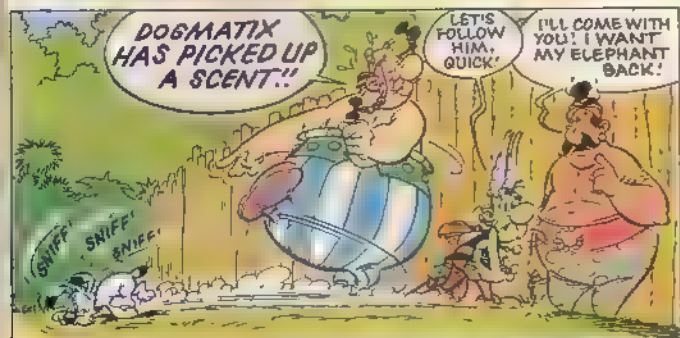
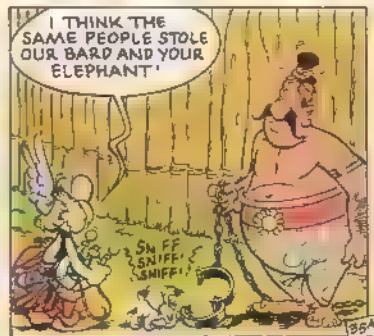
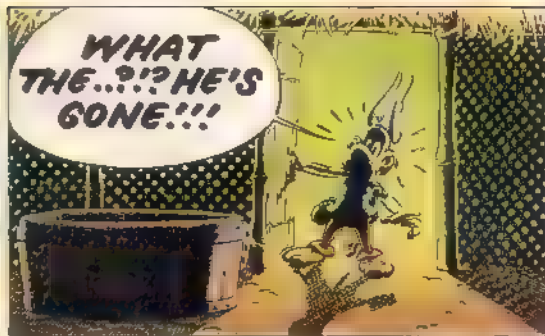
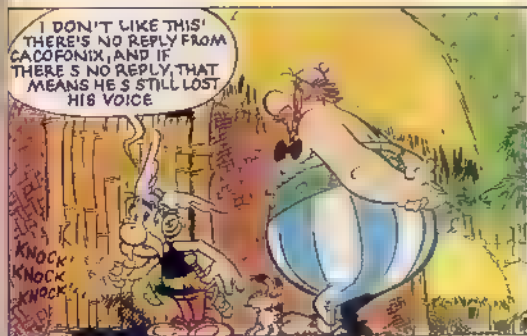
THAT'S EASY MY CARPET'S PARKED QUITE CLOSE!

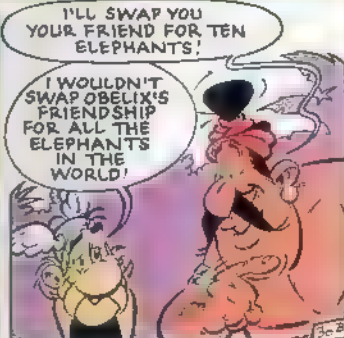
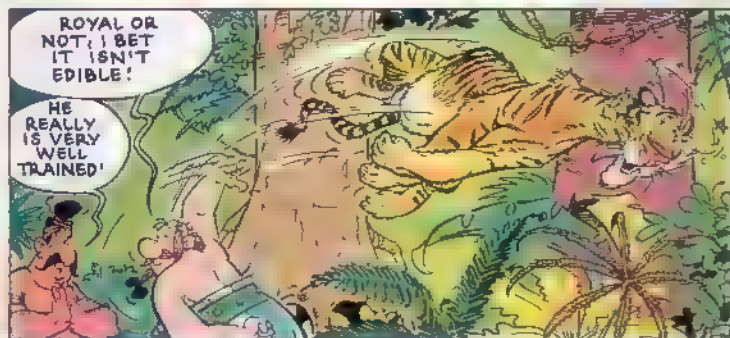
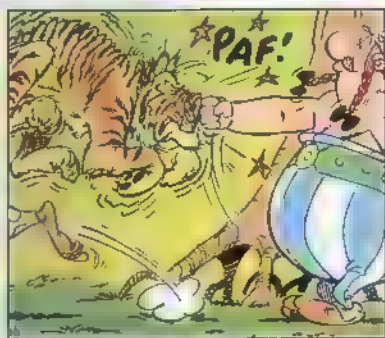
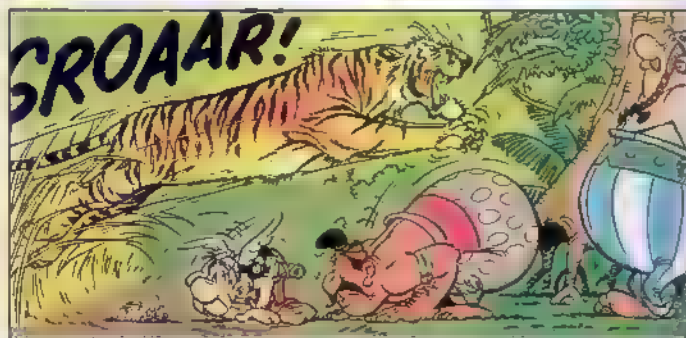
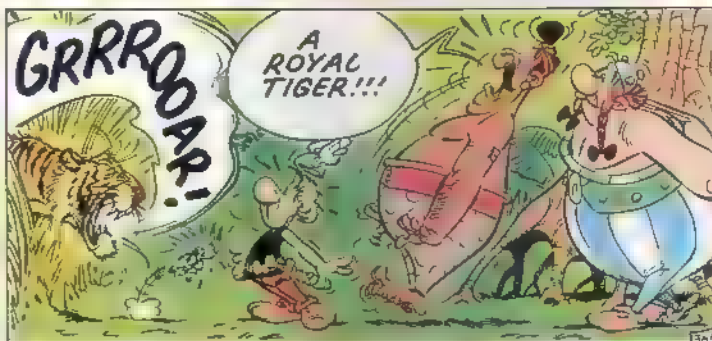
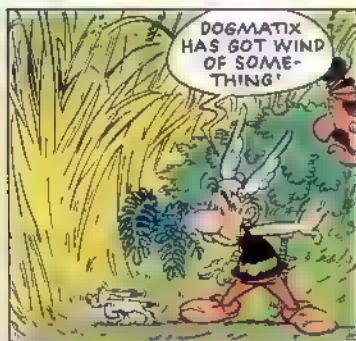


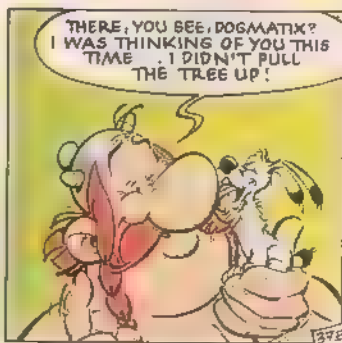
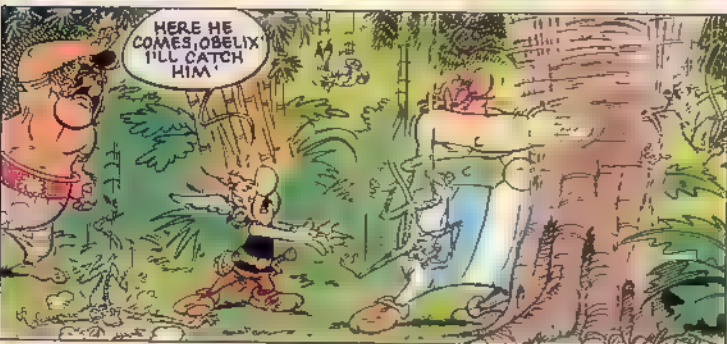
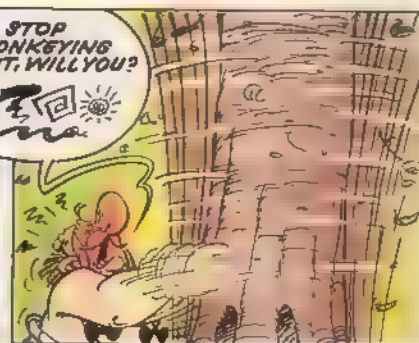
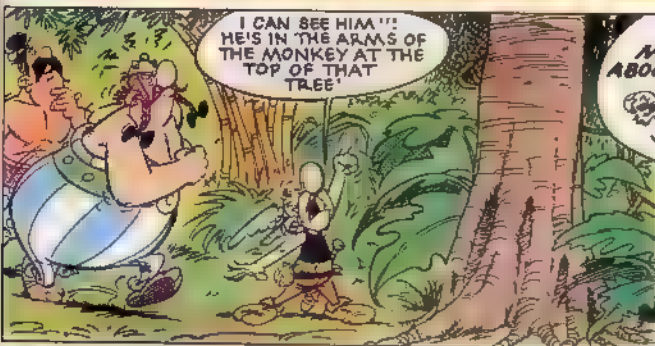
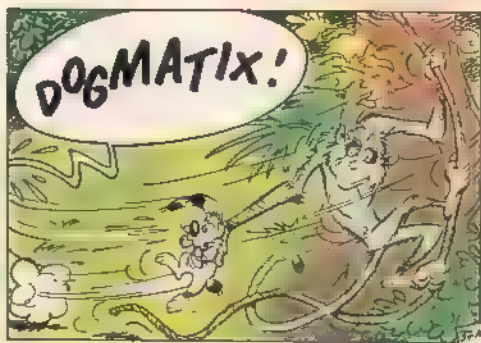
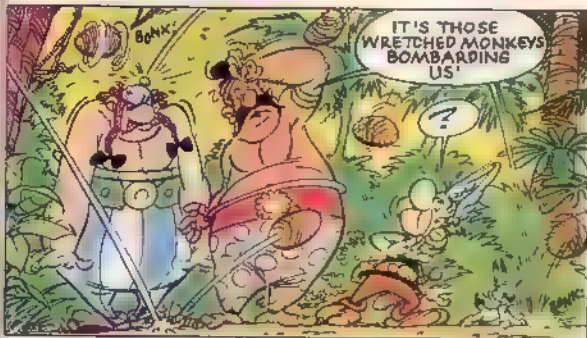
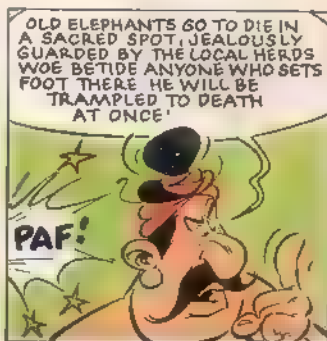
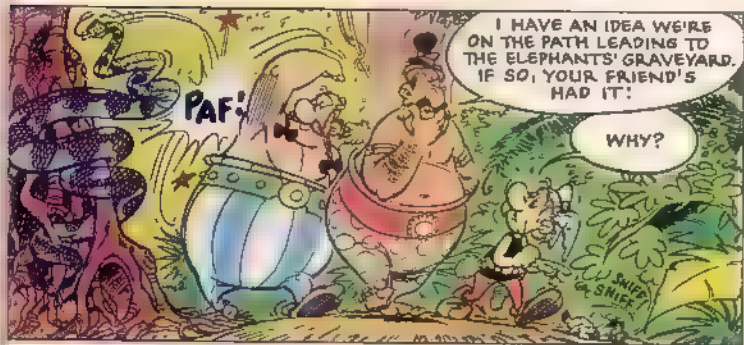
NOW FOR THE SHOWDOWN, WATZIZNEHM!

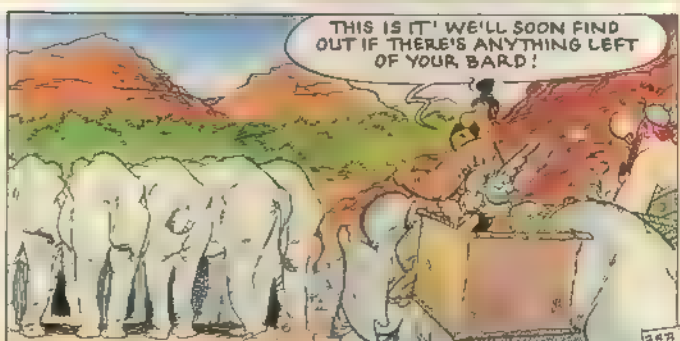
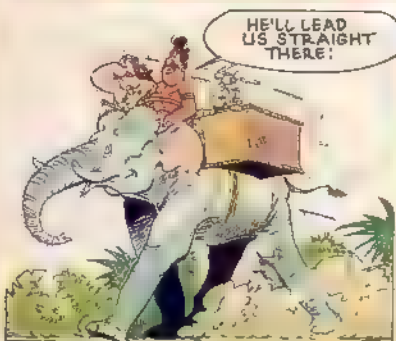
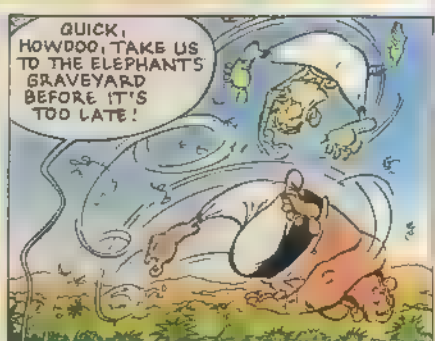
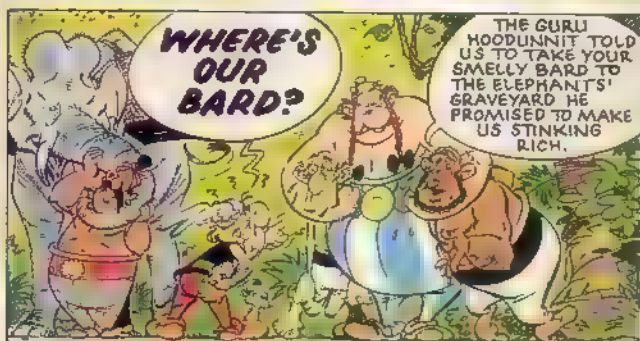
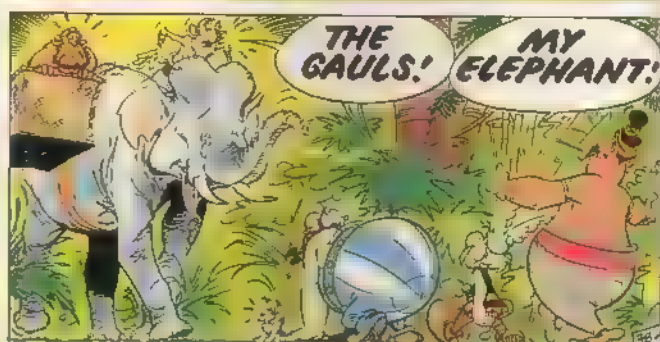
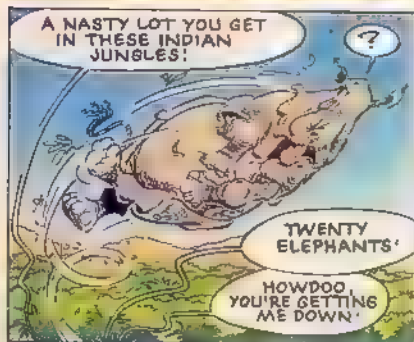
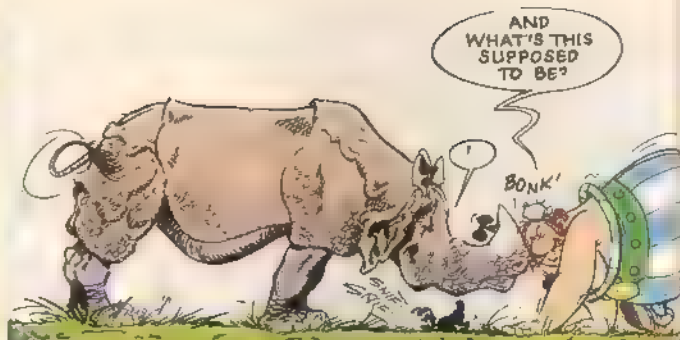
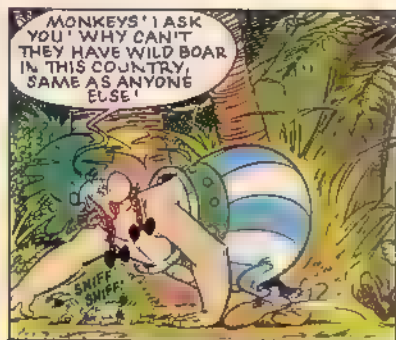


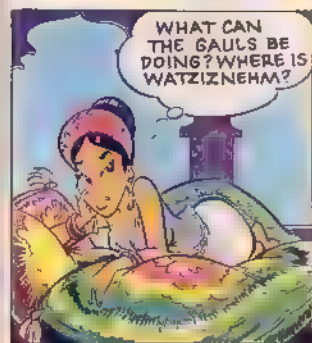
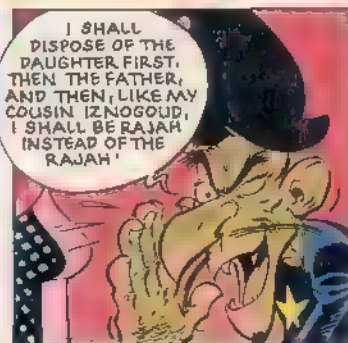
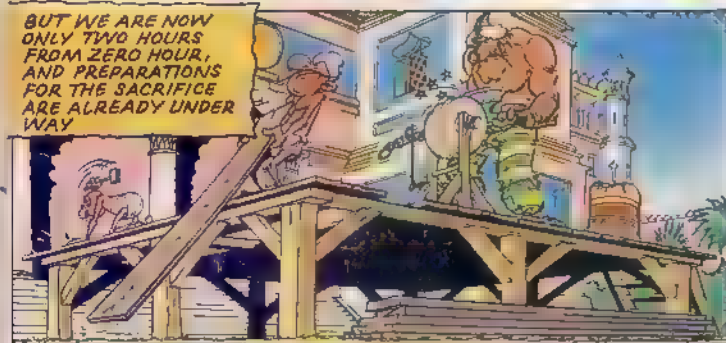
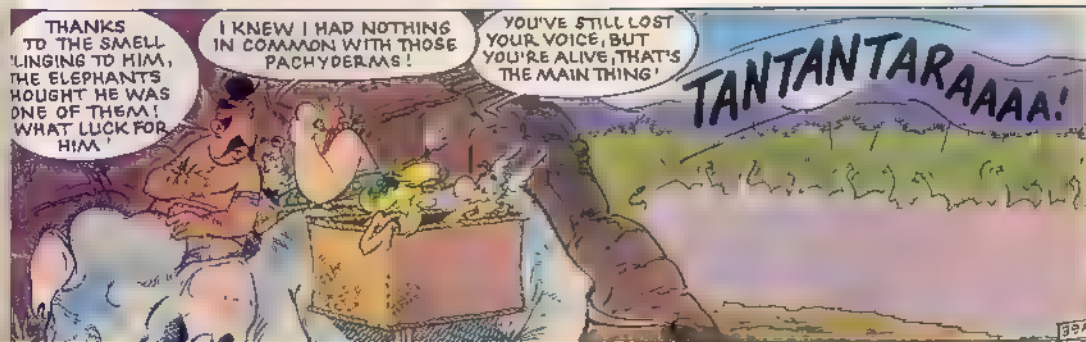
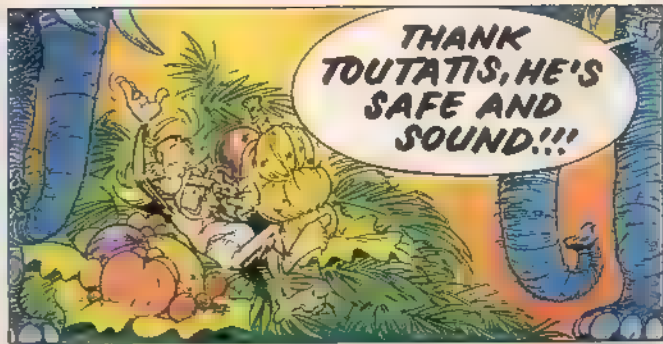
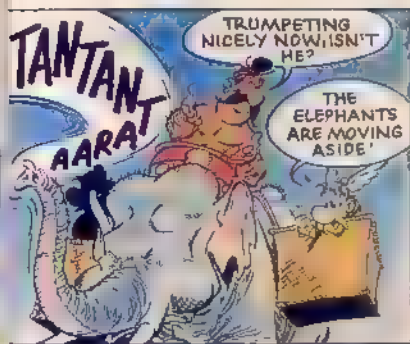












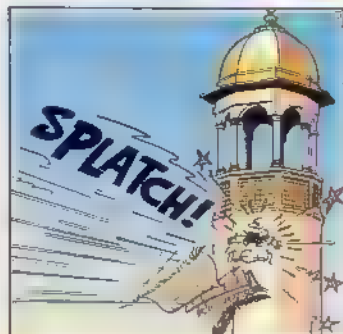
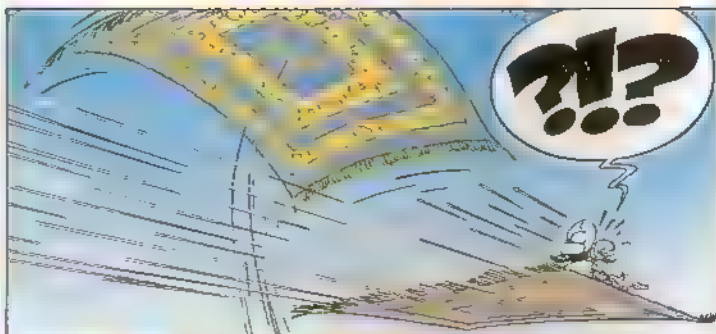
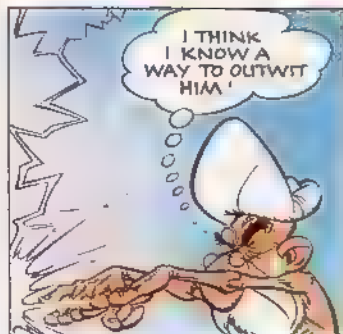
WATZIZNEHM IS STILL BUSY WITH HIS SUMMIT MEETINGS WHICH OF THE TWO FAKIRS WILL WIN? WATZIZNEHM? OWZAT? IT'S ALL STILL IN THE AIR...

SKAMBHA* BRING THE SKY DOWN ON YOUR HEAD!!

PUSHAN TURN YOU INTO AN OLD GOAT!**

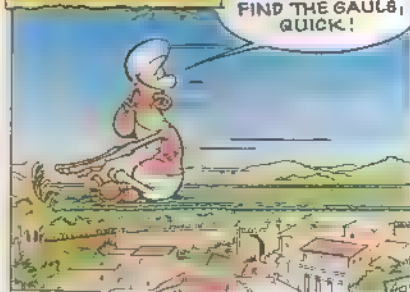


*COSMIC PILLAR GOD HOLDING UP THE SKY. **GOD OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

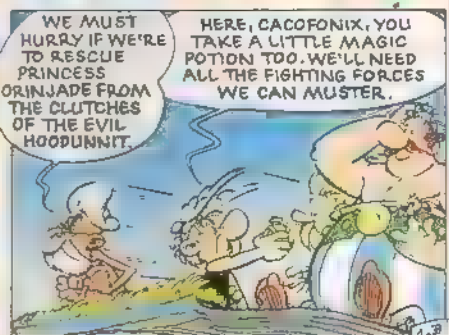
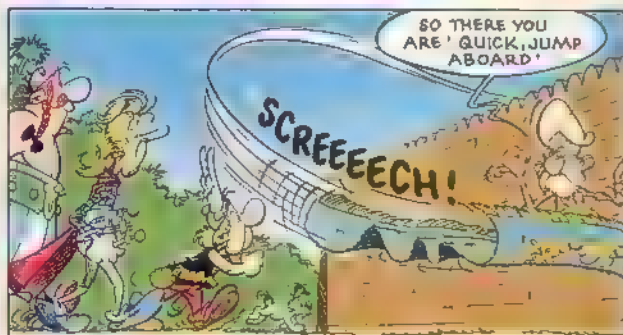
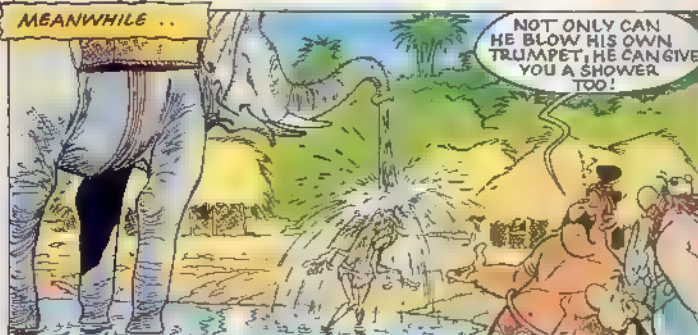


AND THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE ZERO HOUR.

I MUST FIND THE GAULS, QUICK!



MEANWHILE ...



AT FIVE
MINUTES TO
ZERO HOUR...

BETTER RESIGN
YOURSELF, PRINCESS!
STILL NO RAIN! YOUR LAST
HOUR HAS COME!



MAY VISHNU*
STRANGLE YOU,
EVIL GURU!

*GOD WITH
MANY ARMS.



MAY MY SACRIFICE
PERSUADE HEAVEN TO SHOWER
ITS BLESSINGS ON YOU ONCE
AGAIN! IF IT DOES NOT, BEWARE
OF THOSE SERPENTS WHO ARE
TRICKING YOU FOR THEIR
OWN EVIL ENDS!



LONG LIVE OUR
PRINCESS WHO IS ABOUT TO DIE FOR US!!!

POOR
SILLY
IDIOTS!



FIVE...
FOUR...
THREE...



TWO...



ZERO!



